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1. Consider the conic section defined by $C : f(X, Y) = 0$, where $f(X, Y) = X^2 - 2XY - 3Y^2 + 4X - 4Y - 5$. Treat C as a real curve (that is, let X, Y be real-valued variables).
- (a) Prove that C is smooth at all finite rational points on the curve. (4)

Solution For the curve to have a singularity at some finite rational point (X, Y) on C , both the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f}{\partial X}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial Y}$ must vanish simultaneously at that point. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial X} &= 2X - 2Y + 4, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y} &= -2X - 6Y - 4.\end{aligned}$$

Thus $\frac{\partial f}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y} = 0$ implies that

$$\begin{aligned}X - Y &= -2, \\ X + 3Y &= -2.\end{aligned}$$

Solving these two linear equations gives $X = -2$ and $Y = 0$. But

$$f(-2, 0) = 4 - 0 - 0 - 8 - 0 - 5 = -9 \neq 0,$$

that is, $(-2, 0)$ is not a finite rational point on C .

- (b) Find all the points at infinity on C . (4)

Solution The homogenization of the curve is

$$f^{(h)}(X, Y, Z) = X^2 - 2XY - 3Y^2 + 4XZ - 4YZ - 5Z^2 = 0.$$

Putting $Z = 0$ gives

$$\begin{aligned}X^2 - 2XY - 3Y^2 &= 0, \quad \text{that is,} \\ (X + Y)(X - 3Y) &= 0, \quad \text{that is,} \\ X &= -Y, 3Y.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, C contains two points at infinity: $[-1, 1, 0]$ and $[3, 1, 0]$.

(c) Let the projective curve corresponding to C be $C^{(h)} : f^{(h)}(X, Y, Z) = 0$. $C^{(h)}$ is smooth at a point at infinity on the curve if the three partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f^{(h)}}{\partial X}$, $\frac{\partial f^{(h)}}{\partial Y}$, and $\frac{\partial f^{(h)}}{\partial Z}$ do not vanish simultaneously at the point at infinity. Prove that the given curve is smooth at its points at infinity. (4)

Solution We have

$$f^{(h)}(X, Y, Z) = X^2 - 2XY - 3Y^2 + 4XZ - 4YZ - 5Z^2,$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f^{(h)}}{\partial X} &= 2X - 2Y + 4Z, \\ \frac{\partial f^{(h)}}{\partial Y} &= -2X - 6Y - 4Z, \\ \frac{\partial f^{(h)}}{\partial Z} &= 4X - 4Y - 10Z. \end{aligned}$$

The simultaneous vanishing of these three partial derivatives gives the system

$$\begin{aligned} X - Y + 2Z &= 0, \\ X + 3Y + 2Z &= 0, \\ 2X - 2Y - 5Z &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The only solution of this system is $X = Y = Z = 0$, but $[0, 0, 0]$ is not a point in the projective plane (let alone being a point at infinity on C).

(d) Deduce that by a suitable transformation (that is, renaming) of the coordinates as

$$(X, Y) \leftarrow (\alpha X + \beta Y + \gamma, \alpha' X + \beta' Y + \gamma'),$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha', \beta', \gamma' \in \mathbb{R}$, the given curve C can be converted to the hyperbola $X^2 - Y^2 = 1$. (4)

Solution We have

$$X^2 - 2XY - 3Y^2 + 4X - 4Y - 5 = (X - Y)^2 - 4Y^2 + 4(X - Y) - 5.$$

The coordinate transformation

$$(X, Y) \leftarrow (X - Y, Y)$$

changes the equation of the curve to $X^2 - 4Y^2 + 4X - 5 = 0$, that is, $(X^2 + 4X + 4) - 4Y^2 = 9$, that is, $(X + 2)^2 - (2Y)^2 = 3^2$, that is,

$$\left(\frac{X+2}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2Y}{3}\right)^2 = 1.$$

So we need another coordinate transformation

$$(X, Y) \leftarrow ((X+2)/3, (2Y)/3).$$

Combining together the two coordinate transformations gives

$$(X, Y) \leftarrow ((X - Y + 2)/3, (2Y)/3),$$

that is,

$$\alpha = 1/3, \quad \beta = -1/3, \quad \gamma = 2/3, \quad \alpha' = 0, \quad \beta' = 2/3, \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma' = 0.$$

2. Consider the elliptic curve $E : Y^2 = X^3 - X + 1$ defined over the finite field \mathbb{F}_{11} .

(a) Find all the finite \mathbb{F}_{11} -rational points on E . Show your calculations.

(6)

Solution All the squares modulo 11 are:

$$\begin{aligned} 0^2 &\equiv 0 \pmod{11} \\ 1^2 &\equiv 10^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{11} \\ 2^2 &\equiv 9^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{11} \\ 3^2 &\equiv 8^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{11} \\ 4^2 &\equiv 7^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{11} \\ 5^2 &\equiv 6^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{11} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we plug in different values of $X \pmod{11}$, and try to solve $Y^2 \equiv X^3 - X + 1 \pmod{11}$. The following table summarizes these calculations.

X	$X^3 - X + 1 \pmod{11}$	Number of solutions	Finite points
0	1	2	$(0, 1), (0, 10)$
1	1	2	$(1, 1), (1, 10)$
2	7	0	
3	3	2	$(3, 5), (3, 6)$
4	6	0	
5	0	1	$(5, 0)$
6	2	0	
7	7	0	
8	10	0	
9	6	0	
10	1	2	$(10, 1), (10, 10)$

(b) What is the size of the group $E(\mathbb{F}_{11})$?

(2)

Solution By Part (a), there are nine finite rational points on E . Considering the point at infinity, we have

$$|E(\mathbb{F}_{11})| = 9 + 1 = 10.$$

(c) E is naturally defined over the extension field $\mathbb{F}_{11^2} = \mathbb{F}_{121}$. Using Weil's theorem, determine the size of the group $E(\mathbb{F}_{11^2}) = E(\mathbb{F}_{121})$. Show your calculations.

(4)

Solution Let t be the trace of Frobenius at $p = 11$. We have

$$10 = |E(\mathbb{F}_p)| = p + 1 - t = 12 - t,$$

that is, $t = 2$. The two solutions of the quadratic equation

$$W^2 - tW + p = W^2 - 2W + 11 = 0$$

are $\alpha = 1 + i\sqrt{10}$ and $\beta = 1 - i\sqrt{10}$. Therefore the trace of Frobenius at $p^2 = 11^2$ is

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 2 \times (1 - 10) = -18,$$

that is,

$$|E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})| = 11^2 + 1 - (-18) = 140.$$

3. In this exercise, we factor $n = 3869$ using Dixon's method. Complete the details of the following steps in a possible run of Dixon's method. Take the factor base $B = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$.

(a) [Relation generation] The following six relations are generated for randomly chosen values of $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$. Compute $a^2 \pmod{n}$, and write its factorization over B , for the given values of a (two cases are shown). (4)

a	$a^2 \pmod{n}$
752	$630 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7$
2136	$945 = 3^3 \times 5 \times 7$
2007	$420 = 2^2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7$
880	$600 = 2^3 \times 3 \times 5^2$
3032	$280 = 2^3 \times 5 \times 7$
1432	$54 = 2 \times 3^3$

(b) [System generation] Take \mathbb{Z}_2 -valued variables u, v, w, x, y, z . Raise the six relations respectively to the u, v, w, x, y, z -th powers, and multiply. Write down the 4×6 linear system of congruences obtained modulo 2. (4)

Solution The exponents of 2, 3, 5, 7 in the selected product of relations are $u + 2w + 3x + 3y + z$, $2u + 3v + w + x + 3z$, $u + v + w + 2x + y$, and $u + v + w + y$, respectively. All these exponents are desired to be even, so we have the following system of linear equations modulo 2.

$$\begin{aligned} u + x + y + z &= 0, \\ v + w + x + z &= 0, \\ u + v + w + y &= 0, \\ u + v + w + y &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c) [Linear algebra] Apply Gaussian elimination to the coefficient matrix M of the linear system from Part (b), in order to identify the free variables. Express the dependent variables in terms of the free variables. Finally, write the column vector $(u \ v \ w \ x \ y \ z)^t$ as a linear combination of the free variables. The coefficients of the free variables constitute a basis of the null space of M . (4)

Solution We convert the coefficient matrix to the row-reduced echelon form. At every step, the pivot is highlighted.

Solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It follows that w, x, y, z are free variables, and the dependent variables are $u = x + y + z$ and $v = w + x + z$. We therefore have

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y+z \\ w+x+z \\ w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} w + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} y + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} z.$$

(d) [Split n by a non-trivial Fermat congruence] Find a non-zero combination of the free variables, that splits n . Work out, in the rough space, a combination that works, and show the corresponding computations. (4)

Solution Here, we get the Fermat congruence $\alpha^2 \equiv \beta^2 \pmod{n}$ for all of the 16 values of w, x, y, z . For students, it suffices to show only one non-trivial split.

$wxyz$	α	β	$\gcd(\alpha - \beta, n)$	$wxyz$	α	β	$\gcd(\alpha - \beta, n)$
0000	1	1	3869	1000	100	630	53
0001	2969	1801	73	1001	89	3780	1
0010	1223	420	73	1010	2361	1508	1
0011	3780	3780	3869	1011	400	2520	53
0100	3424	3424	3869	1100	2000	993	53
0101	2735	180	73	1101	2670	1199	1
0110	1869	993	73	1110	3207	662	1
0111	2089	2089	3869	1111	3843	610	53

Let us see a sample calculation for the choice $wxyz = 0110$. The dependent variables for these choices are $u \equiv x + y + z \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, and $v \equiv w + x + z \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, that is, $uvwxyz = 010110$. Therefore $\alpha \equiv 2136 \times 880 \times 3032 \equiv 1869 \pmod{3869}$. The exponents of 2, 3, 5, 7 on the other side of congruence are halves of $u + 2w + 3x + 3y + z = 6$, $2u + 3v + w + x + 3z = 4$, $u + v + w + 2x + y = 4$, and $u + v + w + y = 2$, that is, $\beta \equiv 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7 \equiv 993 \pmod{3869}$. We have $\gcd(1869 - 993, 3869) = 73$.

4. (a) Let $E = E_{A,B}$ be an elliptic curve defined by the equation $Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B$ over a field K which is not algebraically closed, and which has $\text{char}(K) \notin \{2, 3\}$. For such an elliptic curve $E_{A,B}$, denote the set of polynomials on E as $K[E] = K[X, Y]/(Y^2 - X^3 - AX - B)$. Prove that a polynomial $f(x, y) \in K[E]$ can be written *uniquely* in the canonical form. (5)

Solution As $E_{A,B}$ is quadratic and monic in y , the polynomial function can be expressed as $f(x, y) = v(x) + yw(x)$ with $v(x), w(x) \in K[x]$. We prove the uniqueness of this expression by contradiction. Let $f(x, y) = v_1(x) + yw_1(x) = v_2(x) + yw_2(x)$ be two canonical forms of f , that is, $(v_1(x) - v_2(x)) + y(w_1(x) - w_2(x)) = 0$.

Setting $v(x) = v_1(x) - v_2(x)$, $w(x) = w_1(x) - w_2(x)$, we have $v(x) + yw(x) = 0$. Multiplying both sides by $v(x) - yw(x)$, we get $v^2(x) - s(x)w^2(x) = 0$, where $s(x) = y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$. Notice that $\deg_x(v^2(x))$ and $\deg_x(w^2(x))$ are both even. But $\deg_x(s(x))$ is odd. Thus, we have a contradiction unless $v(x) = w(x) = 0$.

- (b) Let $K(E)$ denote the set of rational functions on the elliptic curve $E_{A,B}$. Prove that a rational function $r(x, y) \in K(E)$ with no finite poles is a polynomial. (**Hint:** Express $r(x, y)$ in the canonical form $a(x) + yb(x)$ with $a(x), b(x) \in K(x)$, and show that neither $a(x)$ nor $b(x)$ has finite poles. You may make use of the fact that if $r(x, y)$ does not have finite poles, the conjugate $\overline{r(x, y)} = a(x) - yb(x)$ also does not have finite poles.) (5)

Solution Write $r(x, y) \in K(E)$ without poles in the canonical form $r(x, y) = a(x) + yb(x)$ with $a(x), b(x) \in K(x)$.

As $r(x, y)$ (or in brief r) has no finite poles, $\bar{r} = a - yb$ too has no finite poles $\Rightarrow r + \bar{r} = 2a$ does not have finite poles $\Rightarrow r - a = yb$ does not have finite poles $\Rightarrow (yb)^2 = sb^2$ has no finite poles.

Assume that b has a pole of multiplicity $m \geq 1 \Rightarrow b^2$ has a pole of multiplicity $2m \geq 2$. But sb^2 does not have a finite pole, so s has a zero of multiplicity $2m \geq 2$. This contradicts the smoothness of the elliptic curve $E_{A,B}$.

5. Let n be a positive integer, and let $k = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$, which implies that $2^k > n$. Provide a proof of the fact that n always has an expansion of the form

$$n = u_0 + u_1 \cdot 2 + u_2 \cdot 4 + \cdots + u_k \cdot 2^k$$

with $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_k \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$, and with at most $\frac{1}{2}k$ of the u_i non-zero. (5)

Solution The proof is presented as an algorithm for writing n in the desired form. We start by writing n in binary:

$$n = u_0 + u_1 \cdot 2 + u_2 \cdot 4 + \cdots + u_{k-1} \cdot 2^{k-1}. \tag{1}$$

Working from left to right, we look for the occurrence of two or more consecutive non-zero coefficients u_i . For example, suppose $u_s = u_{s+1} = \cdots = u_{s+t-1} = 1$, and $u_{s+t} = 0$, for some $t \geq 1$. Then, we can replace $2^s + 2^{s+1} + \cdots + 2^{s+t-1} + 0 \cdot 2^{s+t} = 2^s(1 + 2 + 4 + \cdots + 2^{t-1}) = 2^s(2^t - 1) = -2^s + 2^{s+t}$.

Repeating this procedure gives us an expansion of n with no consecutive non-zero u_i . This expansion can go up to 2^k (as opposed to the original expansion which goes up to 2^{k-1}). Thus, at most $\frac{1}{2}k$ of the u_i are non-zero.

6. A non-supersingular elliptic curve E over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} consists of all the solutions $(x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m} \times \mathbb{F}_{2^m}$ of the equation $y^2 + xy = x^3 + ax^2 + b$, where a and b are in \mathbb{F}_{2^m} and $b \neq 0$, together with the point at infinity denoted by \mathcal{O} . Let $P = (x, y)$, $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$, and $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ be finite rational points on E . Assume that $P_2 = P_1 + P$. Prove that the x -coordinate x_3 of $P_1 + P_2$ can be computed in terms of the x -coordinates of P , P_1 , and P_2 as (5)

$$x_3 = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{x_1}{x_1 + x_2} \right)^2 + \frac{x_1}{x_1 + x_2} + x & \text{if } P_1 \neq P_2, \\ x_1^2 + \frac{b}{x_1^2} & \text{if } P_1 = P_2. \end{cases}$$

Solution From the chord-and-tangent rule of addition on elliptic-curve points, we have

$$x_3 = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{y_1 + y_2}{x_1 + x_2} \right)^2 + \frac{y_1 + y_2}{x_1 + x_2} + x_1 + x_2 + a & \text{if } P_1 \neq P_2, \\ x_1^2 + \frac{b}{x_1^2} & \text{if } P_1 = P_2. \end{cases}$$

Hence, for the case $P_1 = P_2$, the result is straightforward.

As $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ are on the curve, we have $y_1^2 + x_1 y_1 = x_1^3 + a x_1^2 + b$ and $y_2^2 + x_2 y_2 = x_2^3 + a x_2^2 + b$, so

$$x_3 = \frac{x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1 + x_1 x_2^2 + x_2 x_1^2}{(x_1 + x_2)^2}. \tag{2}$$

The x -coordinate of $P_2 - P_1$ is

$$x = \frac{x_1 y_2 + x_2(x_1 + y_1) + x_1 x_2^2 + x_2 x_1^2}{(x_1 + x_2)^2}. \tag{3}$$

Adding (2) and (3), we obtain the desired result.

7. Consider the elliptic curve $E : Y^2 = (X - 1)(X - 2)(X - 3)$ defined over \mathbb{F}_5 . Answer the following parts in the context of this curve.

(a) Assuming that \mathbb{F}_5 is represented by the set $\{0, 1, 2, -2, -1\}$, annotate the points on the elliptic curve. (3)

$$P_1 = (0, 2)$$

$$P_5 = (0, \underline{-2})$$

$$P_2 = (-1, 1)$$

$$P_6 = (1, \underline{0})$$

$$P_3 = (-2, \underline{0})$$

$$P_7 = (2, \underline{0})$$

$$P_4 = (-1, \underline{-1})$$

$$P_8 = \underline{\mathcal{O}}$$

(b) Show that the rational function $f(x) = (x - 1) \in \mathbb{F}_5(E)$ has divisor $\text{div}(f) = 2[P_6] - 2[\mathcal{O}]$. (3)

Solution The function f has neither a zero nor a pole if $x \neq 1$. The uniformizer at $P_6 = (1, 0)$ is y . Write $f(x, y) = x - 1 = \frac{y^2}{(x-2)(x-3)}$. Hence, the degree of f at P_6 is 2, and the result follows from the fact that the sum of the (signed) multiplicities of the zeros and the poles of a rational function is zero.

(c) Prove that the order of the point P_2 in $E(\mathbb{F}_5)$ is 4. (2)

Solution $2P_2 = P_7$, and $2P_7 = \mathcal{O}$.

(d) Using Miller's algorithm, find the rational functions f_{P_2} and f_{P_4} , such that $\text{div}(f_{P_2}) = 4[P_2] - 4[\mathcal{O}]$, and $\text{div}(f_{P_4}) = 4[P_4] - 4[\mathcal{O}]$. (4)

Solution We have $f_{P_2} = \frac{(y+2x+1)^2}{(x-2)} = x^2 + 4y$, and $f_{P_4} = \frac{(y-2x-1)^2}{(x-2)} = x^2 - 4y$.

(e) Compute the Weil pairing $e_4(P_2, P_4)$ from the formula

$$e_4(P_2, P_4) = \frac{f_{P_2}(P_4 + S)}{f_{P_2}(S)} \Big/ \frac{f_{P_4}(P_2 - S)}{f_{P_4}(-S)}$$

by taking $S = P_4$. Note that the definition holds for any $S \notin \{\mathcal{O}, P_2, -P_4, P_2 - P_4\}$.

(Hint: Ensure that the functions f_{P_2} and f_{P_4} are in normal forms.) (4)

Solution By taking $S = P_4$, we have

$$e_4(P_2, P_4) = \frac{f_{P_2}(2P_4)}{f_{P_2}(P_4)} \Big/ \frac{f_{P_4}(P_2 - P_4)}{f_{P_4}(-P_4)}.$$

Now, $P_4 = (-1, -1) \Rightarrow 2P_4 = P_7 = (2, 0)$, $-P_4 = P_2 = (-1, 1)$, $P_2 - P_4 = 2P_2 = P_7 = (2, 0)$. Therefore

$$e_4(P_2, P_4) = \frac{f_{P_2}(2, 0)}{f_{P_2}(-1, -1)} \Big/ \frac{f_{P_4}(2, 0)}{f_{P_4}(-1, 1)} = \left(\frac{4}{-3} \right) \Big/ \left(\frac{4}{-3} \right) = 1.$$

