Hard Homogeneous Spaces from the Class Field Theory of Imaginary Hyperelliptic Function Fields
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Diffie-Hellman key-exchange

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Shor’s quantum algorithm breaks this problem for any group.
Tristan and Isolde create a private key on a public channel. They choose an abelian group $G$ acting (freely and transitively) on a set $X$, with an element $x \in X$.

Both calculate $ab \cdot x$ knowing $x$, $a \cdot x$ and $b \cdot x$.

Quantum attack in $\exp(c \sqrt{\log(\#G)})$ for some $c > 0$ (Kuperberg, 2005).
Couveignes, 1997; Rostovtsev, Stolbunov, 2006:

- $X$: subset of isomorphism classes of ordinary elliptic curves on $\mathbb{F}_q$ with prescribed endomorphism ring and Frobenius trace.
- $G$: Class group of their endomorphism ring.

Despite recent improvements (De Feo, Kieffer, Smith, 2018), calculations are take several minutes.

CSIDH (Castryck, Lange, Martindale, Panny, Renes, 2018) does better, but the structure of thei $G$ is very hard to compute.
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## Elliptic curves and Drinfeld modules

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Main results

- Description of a setting in which a general action is simply transitive; proof.
- Efficient algorithm to compute the action.
- C++/NTL implementation of the key-exchange; proof of concept.
- SageMath library for finite Drinfeld modules; we aim for an integration in SageMath.
- Numerical experiments suggest that the inverse problem of the action is hard.
Fix $\mathbb{F}_q \hookrightarrow L \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$ a finite field extension and 

$$\tau : \overline{\mathbb{F}_q} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$$

$$x \mapsto x^q.$$

**Definition (Ore, 1933)**

The set

$$L\{\tau\} := \left\{ \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n} a_n \tau^i \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, a_i \in L \right\} \subset \text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_q})$$

is a ring for addition and composition, called the **ring of Ore polynomials**.
Ore polynomials (2/2)

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Properties:

- \( L\{\tau\} \) is non commutative: \( \tau a = a^q \tau, \quad \forall a \in L. \)
- \( L\{\tau\} \) is left-euclidean
  - \( \rightarrow \) notion of \( \text{rgcd} \)
  - \( \rightarrow \) many algorithmic perspectives!
- SageMath implementation by X. Caruso.
**Definition (Drinfeld, 1974)**

An \( \mathbb{F}_q[X]\)-Drinfeld module over \( L \) is an \( \mathbb{F}_q \)-algebra morphism

\[
\phi : \mathbb{F}_q[X] \to L\{\tau\}
\]

such that

- there exists \( a \in \mathbb{F}_q[X] \) such that \( \deg_\tau (\phi(a)) > 0 \),
- for all \( a \in A \) the constant term of \( \phi(a) \) is \( X \).

As a morphism, \( \phi \) is uniquely determined by \( \phi(X) \). We consider \( \phi \) defined by

\[
\phi(X) = \omega + g\tau + \Delta \tau^2, \quad g \in L, \Delta \in L^\times.
\]

Those are *rank 2* Drinfeld modules over \( L \).
Let:

- $\phi$: rank 2 Drinfeld module,
- $\tau_L = \tau^{[L:F_q]}$.

**Theorem (Gekeler, 1991)**

There exists $\xi \in \mathbb{F}_q[X][Y]$ such that:

$$\xi(\phi(X), \tau_L) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{cases} 
\xi = Y^2 + h(X)Y - f(X), \\
\deg(f) = [L:F_q], \quad (\text{Hasse-Weil bounds}) \\
\deg(h) \leq [L:F_q]/2.
\end{cases}$$
If $2 \nmid [L : \mathbb{F}_q]$ and the curve defined by the characteristic polynomial $\xi$ is smooth, then it is an *imaginary hyperelliptic curve*.

Efficiently computed (Musleh, Schost, 2019).
**Definition of the action**

Assume $\xi \in \mathbb{F}_q[X][Y]$ defines an hyperelliptic curve. Let:
- $\phi$: rank 2 with characteristic polynomial $\xi$,
- $I$: ideal of $\mathbb{F}_q[X][Y]/\xi$,
- $I \star \phi$: Drinfeld module $\psi$ associated to $\phi$ and

\[
\bigcap_{f \in I} \ker(f(\phi(X), \tau_L)).
\]

**Theorem**

If $2 \nmid [L : \mathbb{F}_q]$, the map $(I, \phi) \mapsto I \star \phi$ extends to a group action of

$\text{Cl}(\mathbb{F}_q[X][Y]/\xi)$

to

\[
\left\{ \text{Isom}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(\phi) \mid \text{Rank}(\phi) = 2, \text{CharPol}(\phi) = \xi \right\}.
\]
# Algorithm

Assume $\xi$ defines an hyperelliptic curve $\mathcal{H}$.

**Representation:**

- **Ideal classes:** $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{F}_q[X][Y]/\xi) \simeq \text{Pic}_0(\mathcal{H})$
  - $\rightarrow$ Mumford coordinates $(u, v) \in \mathbb{F}_q[X]^2$.
- **Isomorphism classes:** $j$-invariants in $L$.

**Input:** — A $j$-invariant $j \in L$.
  — Mumford coordinates $(u, v) \in \mathbb{F}_q[X]^2$.

**Output:** A $j$-invariant.

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\begin{align*}
\tilde{u} & \leftarrow u(j^{-1} \tau^2 + \tau + \omega) \in L\{\tau\}; \\
\tilde{v} & \leftarrow v(j^{-1} \tau^2 + \tau + \omega) \in L\{\tau\}; \\
i & \leftarrow \text{rgcd}(\tilde{u}, \tau_L - \tilde{v}); \\
\hat{g} & \leftarrow i_0^{-q} (i_0 + i_1(\omega^q - \omega)); \\
\hat{\Delta} & \leftarrow j^{-q\deg_\tau(i)}; \\
\text{Return} & \frac{\hat{g}^{q+1}}{\hat{\Delta}}.
\end{align*}
\]
Let:
- $\mathbf{k}$: algebraic function field with transcedence degree 1 over $\mathbb{F}_q$,
- $\infty$: place of $\mathbf{k}$,
- $\mathbf{A}$: ring of functions that are regular outside $\infty$, 
- $\gamma : \mathbf{A} \to L$: $\mathbb{F}_q$-algebra morphism.

**Definition**

A **Drinfeld $\mathbf{A}$-module over $L$** is an $\mathbb{F}_q$-algebra morphism $\phi : \mathbf{A} \to L$ such that:

- there exists $a \in \mathbf{A}$ such that $\deg(\tau(\phi(a))) > 0$,
- for all $a \in \mathbf{A}$ the constant term of $\phi(a)$ is $\gamma(a)$.

**Theorem (Drinfeld, 1974)**

*The group $\text{Cl}(\mathbf{A})$ acts on the set of $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$-isomorphism classes of Drinfeld $\mathbf{A}$-modules over $L$ with rank $r$.***

Our action is realized with $\mathbf{A} = \mathbb{F}_q[X][Y]/\xi$ and $r = 1$. 
The group action is a adaptation of Couveignes-Rostovtsev-Stolbunov to Drinfeld modules.

The algorithm only requires elementary arithmetic tools.

After partial results and numerical experiments, we conjecture that the problem of inverting the action is hard (studied by Joux, Narayanan, 2019; and by Caranay, Greenberg, Scheidler, 2020).

With $q = 2$ and $L = \mathbb{F}_{2^{521}}$, the key exchange is calculated in $\approx 200$ ms with our C++ / NTL implementation.

The structure of the group is calculated in 53 hours in our case (Kedlaya-Vercauteren alg.); 52 CPU-years for CSIDH-512 (Beullens, Kleinjung, Vercauteren, 2019).
Perspectives

- Proving that the current best known algorithm to solve the inverse problem runs in exponential time.
- Finding optimal cryptographic parameters.
- Contributing to SageMath with our framework for Drinfeld modules.

Thank you!