Efficient four-dimensional GLV curve with high security

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Abstract

We apply Smith's construction [9] to generate four-dimensional GLV curves with fast arithmetic in the group law as well as in the base field. As Costello and Longa did in [5] for a 128-bit security level, we obtained an interesting curve for fast GLV scalar multiplication, providing a high level of security (254 bits). Our curve is defined over a well-known finite field: \mathbb{F}_{p^2} where $p = 2^{255} - 19$. We finally explicit the two endomorphisms used during GLV decomposition.

Introduction

In 2001, Gallant, Lambert and Vanstone introduce in [6] a new method named GLV^1 , to compute the scalar multiplication on certain elliptic curves. These curves are defined over \mathbb{F}_p and have an endomorphism φ , acting as a fast scalar multiplication by its eigenvalue λ on a subgroup $G \subset E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ of order N. To compute [k]P, they decompose

 $k \equiv k_1 + \lambda k_2 \mod N$

with k_1, k_2 half the size of k, and then compute $[k]P = [k_1]P + [k_2]\varphi(P)$ with a multi-exponentiation. It becomes interesting to use the GLV method if the endomorphism evaluation is not too expensive. This latter criterion makes the GLV curves very rare among the elliptic curves, and [6] gives only few examples of such curves.

In 2013, Smith gives in [9] families of curves with two endomorphisms φ, ψ acting on a subgroup of $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$. Theses curves are defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} and come from reduction of \mathbb{Q} -curves. This construction is interesting because it gives a larger number of curves. Analogously, decomposing k with the eigenvalues gives

¹Gallant-Lambert-Vanstone method

 $[k]P = [k_1]P + [k_2]\varphi(P) + [k_3]\psi(P) + [k_4]\varphi \circ \psi(P)$ with $\log(k_1), \dots, \log(k_4) \simeq \log(k)/4$.

In 2015, Costello and Longa use in [5] the Mersenne prime $p = 2^{127} - 1$ to generate a Smith curve with 127 bits of security. The arithmetic of this special field, added to the four-dimensional GLV method, gives an efficient scalar multiplication on the subgroup of the curve.

The idea of this preprint is to search for a Q-curve as in [5] but at a higher security level (256-bit security level). We also want a fast finite field arithmetic, hence we choose among primes with special binary decomposition. These conditions permit a fast scalar multiplication using a four-dimensional GLV method. For modularity and to re-use efficient hardware implementation, we searched for secure Q-curves over the Curve25519 prime $p = 2^{255} - 19$.

1 Generating four-dimensional GLV curves

We follow the method described by Smith in [9] to generate elliptic curves endowed with two endomorphisms. The curves arise from \mathbb{Q} -curves taken from the Hasegawa article [7].

1.1 Q-curves

Hasegawa presents in [7] families of \mathbb{Q} -curves $E_{d,\Delta,s}$ of prime degree d, defined over a quadratic extension of \mathbb{Q} , say $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$. We note σ the conjugation of the quadratic field K. These curves are parametrized by a square-free integer Δ and a rational s:

$$\tilde{E}_{d,\Delta,s}: y^2 = x^3 + A_{d,\Delta}(s)x + B_{d,\Delta}(s)$$

The explicit values of $A_{d,\Delta}(s)$ and $B_{d,\Delta}(s)$ can be found in [9]. A Q-curve of degree d has an isogeny $\tilde{\varphi} : \tilde{E} \longrightarrow {}^{\sigma}\tilde{E}$ of degree d, defined over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}, \sqrt{-d})$. Setting $\tilde{\psi} := {}^{\sigma}\tilde{\varphi} \circ \tilde{\varphi}$, we obtain an endomorphism of \tilde{E} , of degree d^2 , which is $[\pm d]$.

1.2 Reducing a \mathbb{Q} -curve modulo p

In order to obtain a curve defined over a finite field, we reduce our \mathbb{Q} -curve mod a prime p. It makes sense if we define \tilde{E} on the integer ring \mathcal{O}_K , and then consider $\mathcal{O}_K/p\mathcal{O}_K$. We want to keep the \mathbb{Q} -curve structure so p needs to satisfy some conditions:

• p is inert in \mathcal{O}_K , i.e $\left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = -1$. If $p\mathcal{O}_K$ is prime, $\mathcal{O}_K/p\mathcal{O}_K \simeq \mathbb{F}_p[X]/(X^2 - \Delta) \simeq \mathbb{F}_p[\sqrt{\Delta \mod p}] \simeq \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$.

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$$\Delta_E := 12^3 (4A_{d,\Delta}(s)^3 + 27B_{d,\Delta}(s)^2) \neq 0 \mod p$$
.
To get an elliptic curve over the finite field, we choose p such that the curve is not singular. p is said to be of good reduction for \tilde{E} .

• gcd(p,d) = 1.

We want to keep the d-isogeny in the reduction curve.

Under these conditions, the *p*-Frobenius $(p) : \mathbb{F}_{p^2} \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ is the reduction of $\sigma: K \longrightarrow K$. We also need to choose (p) to be the reduction of

$$\check{\sigma}: \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}, \sqrt{-d}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta}, \sqrt{-d})$$

that means that $\tilde{\sigma}(\sqrt{-d}) = \left(\frac{-d}{p}\right)\sqrt{-d}$.

We obtain the following reduced curves and isogenies:



Note that if $\tilde{E}: y^2 = x^3 + \tilde{A}x + \tilde{B}$, the reduction mod p of ${}^{\sigma}\tilde{E}$ is ${}^{(p)}E: y^2 =$ $x^3 + A^p x + B^p$. We note $\pi_p : (x, y) \mapsto (x^p, y^p)$ the *p*-Frobenius. It defines a *p*-isogeny from ${}^{(p)}E$ to E. We also note $\pi_E = \pi_p^2$. Composing π_p with φ , we get $\psi := \pi_p \circ \varphi \in \operatorname{End}(E)$, of degree *pd*. The GLV method is efficient only if ψ is easy to evaluate. Computing ψ is as difficult as computing φ because π_p is just² the conjugacy in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} . φ is defined with Vélu's formulas, by polynomials of degree about d and so Smith considers Hasegawa \mathbb{Q} -curves of small degree d:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{E}_{2,\Delta,s} &: y^2 = x^3 + A_{2,\Delta}(s) + B_{2,\Delta}(s) \\ \tilde{E}_{3,\Delta,s} &: y^2 = x^3 + A_{3,\Delta}(s) + B_{3,\Delta}(s) \\ \tilde{E}_{5,-1,s} &: y^2 = x^3 + A_{5,-1}(s) + B_{5,-1}(s) \\ \text{The values of the coefficients are computed in SageMath [10] in http://bit.ly/2BTCY8v.} \end{split}$$

The following results give the eigenvalue for ψ (where t_E is the trace of the curve E):

Theorem 1 (Smith, [9]). ψ satisfies $\psi^2 = [\epsilon_p d] \pi_E$. There exists $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $dr^2 = 2p + \epsilon_p t_E$, for which $[r]\psi = [p] + \epsilon_p \pi_E$. The ψ characteristic polynomial is $P_{\psi}(T) = T^2 - rdT + dp$.

Corollary 2 (Smith, [9]). Let E be an ordinary elliptic curve. If $G \subset E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ is a cyclic subgroup of order N such that $\psi(G) \subset G$, then the eigenvalue of ψ on G is

$$\lambda_{\psi} \equiv \frac{p + \epsilon_p}{r} \mod N$$

This latter result gives a GLV decomposition in dimension 2 for some families of curves. In order to get a four-dimensional GLV method, we look for CM curves among them.

²only one multiplication by -1 because $(a + b\sqrt{\Delta})^p = a - b\sqrt{\Delta}$

1.3 Q-curves with complex multiplication

1.3.1 Complex multiplication method

We are looking for ordinary CM curves. Their endomorphism ring is an order \mathcal{O}_D (of discriminant $D = -D_0 f^2$) in an imaginary quadratic field. We follow [9, §9]. The method is based on the Hilbert polynomial:

$$H_D(X) := \prod_{E/End(E) = \mathcal{O}_D} (X - j(E))$$

 $H_D \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ is monic and irreducible over \mathbb{Z} .

We note that $\mathcal{O}_D =: \operatorname{End}(E_{d,\Delta,s}) = \operatorname{End}({}^{\sigma}E_{d,\Delta,s})$ to deduce that $j(E_{d,\Delta,s})$ and $j({}^{\sigma}E_{d,\Delta,s})$ are two conjugated roots of H_D . Since H_D is irreducible over \mathbb{Z} , there is no other *j*-invariant possible, and H_D has degree 1 or 2. Furthermore, there is a finite number of possible D where deg $(H_D) \in \{1, 2\}$:



Discriminant $D = -D_0 \cdot f^2$ for deg $(H_D) = 1$



Discriminant $D = -D_0 \cdot f^2$ for $\deg(H_D) = 2$

From the list of possible D, we compute H_D and factorize it to find the possible j-invariants:

		$-D_0$	f^2	j-invariant
$-D_0 \cdot f^2$	j-invariant	-3 ·	4^{2}	$40500(35010 \pm 20213\sqrt{3})$
$-3 \cdot 1^{2}$	0	-3 ·	5^{2}	$884736(-369830 \pm 165393\sqrt{5})$
$-3 \cdot 2^2$	$2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3$	-3 ·	7^{2}	$331776000(-52518123 \pm 11460394\sqrt{21})$
$-3 \cdot 3^{2}$	$-2^{15} \cdot 3 \cdot 5^{3}$	-4 ·	3^{2}	$192(399849 \pm 230888\sqrt{3})$
$-4 \cdot 1^2$	$2^{6} \cdot 3^{3}$	-4 ·	$^{4^2}$	$54(761354780 \pm 538359129\sqrt{2})$
$-4 \cdot 2^2$	$2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 11^3$	-4 ·	5^{2}	$1728(12740595841 \pm 5697769392\sqrt{5})$
$-7 \cdot 1^2$	$-3^{3} \cdot 5^{3}$	-7·	4^{2}	$3375(40728492440 \pm 15393923181\sqrt{7})$
$-7 \cdot 2^2$	$3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 17^3$	-8 ·	2^{2}	$1000(26125 \pm 18473\sqrt{2})$
$-8 \cdot 1^{2}$	$2^{6} \cdot 5^{3}$	-8 ·	3^{2}	$8000(23604673 \pm 9636536\sqrt{6})$
$-11 \cdot 1^2$	-2^{15}	-11 .	3^{2}	$180224(-104359189 \pm 18166603\sqrt{33})$
$-19 \cdot 1^{2}$	$-2^{15} \cdot 3^3$	-15 ·	1^{2}	$135/2(-1415 \pm 637\sqrt{5})$
$-43 \cdot 1^{2}$	$-2^{18} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3$	-15 .	2^{2}	$135/2(274207975 \pm 122629507\sqrt{5})$
$-67 \cdot 1^{2}$	$-2^{15} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 11^3$	-20 .	1^{2}	$320(1975 \pm 884\sqrt{5})$
$-163 \cdot 1^{2}$	$-2^{18} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 23^3 \cdot 29^3$	-24 .	1^{2}	$1728(1399 \pm 988\sqrt{2})$
		-35 -	1^{2}	$163840(-360 + 161\sqrt{5})$

$-D_0 \cdot f^2$	j-invariant
$-40 \cdot 1^{2}$	$8640(24635 \pm 11016\sqrt{5})$
$-51 \cdot 1^{2}$	$442368(-6263 \pm 1519\sqrt{17})$
$-52 \cdot 1^{2}$	$216000(15965 \pm 4428\sqrt{13})$
$-88 \cdot 1^{2}$	$216000(14571395 \pm 10303524\sqrt{2})$
$-91 \cdot 1^{2}$	$884736(-5854330 \pm 1623699\sqrt{13})$
$-115 \cdot 1^{2}$	$4423680(-48360710 \pm 21627567\sqrt{5})$
$-123 \cdot 1^{2}$	$110592000(-6122264 \pm 956137\sqrt{41})$
$-148 \cdot 1^{2}$	$216000(91805981021 \pm 15092810460\sqrt{37})$
$-187 \cdot 1^{2}$	$940032000(-2417649815 \pm 586366209\sqrt{17})$
$-232 \cdot 1^{2}$	$216000(1399837865393267 \pm 259943365786104\sqrt{29})$
$-235 \cdot 1^{2}$	$5887918080(-69903946375 \pm 31261995198\sqrt{5})$
$-267 \cdot 1^2$	$55296000(-177979346192125 \pm 18865772964857\sqrt{89})$
$-403 \cdot 1^{2}$	$110592000(-11089461214325319155 \pm 3075663155809161078\sqrt{13})$
$-427 \cdot 1^{2}$	$147197952000(-53028779614147702 \pm 6789639488444631\sqrt{61})$

Each discriminant D gives one (or two) j-invariant of curves with endomorphisms ring \mathcal{O}_D . These tables are computed using the construct_CM_j_roots function from http://bit.ly/2BTCY8v.

1.3.2 CM Hasegawa Q-curves

Degree 2

Our \mathbb{Q} -curves are parametrized by d, s and Δ . Their *j*-invariant are given by

$$j(\tilde{E}_{d,\Delta,s}) = \frac{12^3 \cdot 4A_{d,\Delta}(s)^3}{4A_{d,\Delta}(s)^3 + 27B_{d,\Delta}(s)^2}$$

We solve $j(E_{d,\Delta,s}) = j$ for j in the latter table, with the conditions $s \in \mathbb{Q}$, Δ square-free, and $d \in \{2,3,5,7\}$. This algorithm is computed in SageMath [10] at http://bit.ly/2BTCY8v. It gives sometimes a solution for which a CM Hasegawa Q-curve $E_{d,\Delta,s}$ arises:

Degree 3

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$s\sqrt{\Delta}$	D	$s\sqrt{\Delta}$	D	Deg	ree 7
$\frac{5}{9}\sqrt{-7}$	$-7 \cdot 1^{2}$	0	$-3 \cdot 2^2$	- / \	D
0	$-8 \cdot 1^{2}$	$\frac{5}{2}\sqrt{-2}$	$-8 \cdot 1^{2}$	$s\sqrt{\Delta}$	$\frac{D}{2}$
$\frac{7}{12}\sqrt{3}$	$-4 \cdot 3^{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{-11}$	$-11 \cdot 1^{2}$	$3\sqrt{-3}$	$-3 \cdot 1^2$
$\frac{161}{200}\sqrt{5}$	$-4 \cdot 5^{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}\sqrt{3}$	$-3 \cdot 4^{2}$	$\frac{3}{3}\sqrt{-3}$	$-3 \cdot 2^{2}$
$\frac{20}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-8 \cdot 3^{2}$	$\frac{9}{9}\sqrt{5}$	$-3 \cdot 5^{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}\sqrt{-3}$	$-3 \cdot 3^{2}$
$\frac{49}{1}\sqrt{5}$	$-20 \cdot 1^2$	$\frac{20}{55}\sqrt{21}$	$-3 \cdot 7^2$	0	$-7 \cdot 2^{2}$
$\frac{2}{2}\sqrt{3}$	$20 \cdot 1$ $24 \cdot 1^2$	$252 \sqrt{21}$	$15 1^2$	$\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{-19}$	$-19 \cdot 1^{2}$
$\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{2}$	$-24 \cdot 1$	11 /	$-15 \cdot 1$	$\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{7}$	$-7 \cdot 4^2$
$\frac{1}{9}\sqrt{5}$	$-40 \cdot 1^{2}$	$\frac{1}{25}\sqrt{5}$	$-15 \cdot 2^{2}$	$1\sqrt{5}$	$-35 \cdot 1^2$
$\frac{3}{18}\sqrt{13}$	$-52 \cdot 1^2$	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$	$-24 \cdot 1^{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{13}$	$-91 \cdot 1^{2}$
$\frac{70}{99}\sqrt{2}$	$-88 \cdot 1^{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{17}$	$-51 \cdot 1^2$	$\frac{3}{5}\sqrt{61}$	$-427 \cdot 1^2$
$\frac{145}{882}\sqrt{37}$	$-148 \cdot 1^2$	$\frac{5}{32}\sqrt{41}$	$-123 \cdot 1^2$	39 V 01	421.1
$\frac{1820}{9801}\sqrt{29}$	$-232 \cdot 1^2$	$\frac{5\overline{3}}{500}\sqrt{89}$	$-267\cdot1^2$		

In degree 5, [9] explains that we need to fix Δ to get a family of curves. We choose here $\Delta = -1$ as [9] did. We only get two curves for s = 1 and -9/13, with *j*-invariant 66^3 , and with End(*E*) of discriminant $-4 \cdot 2^2$.

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2 Systematic search of curves

We now look for good primes for the reduction. Recall that p must be inert in $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\Delta})$, coprime to d and must not divide Δ_E .

2.1 Secure cardinality

Elliptic curve cryptography requires a subgroup of $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ of prime order. That is why we look for curves with $\#E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ with a large prime factor.

Ordinary and supersingular curves

Smith shows in [9] that if $E_{d,\Delta,s}$ is supersingular, $\#E_{d,\Delta,s}(\mathbb{F}_{p^2}) = (p \pm 1)^2$ and so the prime factors are too small for us. That is why we look for ordinary elliptic curves.

We can distinguish ordinary and supersingular curves with the ideal (p^2) . It always factorizes in $(p^2) = (\mathfrak{f})(\overline{\mathfrak{f}})$ in $\operatorname{End}(E)$ because of the Frobenius. Over finite fields, $\operatorname{End}(E)$ is an order in an imaginary quadratic field or in a quaternion algebra depending on whether if E is ordinary or supersingular. It means that given an order \mathcal{O}_D corresponding to a curve E with $\operatorname{End}(E) \supseteq \mathcal{O}_D$,

 $p \text{ is inert in } \mathcal{O}_D \iff E \text{ is supersingular} \\ p \text{ splits in } \mathcal{O}_D \iff E \text{ is ordinary}$

The case p ramified does not occur in our case: in quadratic fields, a prime ramifies when it divides D, and we use curves with small discriminant and large primes.

The inert and splitting primes are in the same proportion so a CM curve over a number field reduces for half of the primes into a supersingular elliptic curve.

Computing the cardinality

For each prime p, we compute the trace of the curve t_E in order to get the cardinality $\#E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2}) = p^2 + 1 - t_E$. The trace t_E is also the trace of the p^2 -Frobenius f, seen as an algebraic integer. We compute the Frobenius using the CM property of the curve:

We factorize the ideal $(p) = (p, \pi)(p, \bar{\pi})$ in \mathcal{O}_D , and then write

$$(p^2) = (p,\pi)(p,\bar{\pi})(p,\pi)(p,\bar{\pi})$$

From (p, π) , we compute the ideal $(p, \pi)^2$ which is exactly the principal ideal (f). Unfortunately, the generator given by Cornacchia's algorithm [4, page 36] is not always f: it can be αf for α a unity of \mathcal{O}_D . We need to distinguish three possibilities:

1. If $\mathcal{O}_D = \mathbb{Z}[j]$. Then, the generators are $\pm \mathfrak{f}, \pm j\mathfrak{f}, \pm j^2\mathfrak{f}$. We get the sextic twisted curves with each generator. It is the case for the j = 0 curves.

- 2. If $\mathcal{O}_D = \mathbb{Z}[i]$. Then, the generators are $\pm \mathfrak{f}, \pm i\mathfrak{f}$. We get the quartic twisted curves with each generator. It is the case for the j = 1728 curves.
- Otherwise, there are two generators: ±f. We get the curve and its quadratic twist.

The computation code in SageMath [10] is available at http://bit.ly/2BTCY8v.

Finding a secure cardinality

Best attacks on elliptic curves are in $O(\sqrt{N})$ operations, where N is the prime order of the elliptic curve (sub-)group. We use a 256 bits prime to obtain a base-field \mathbb{F}_{p^2} and an elliptic curve with approximately 2^{512} elements, in order to get 256 bits of security. Given $\#E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$, we factorize it and store the curve if it has a big prime factor. We also store the twisted curves cardinalities because we look for twist-security. The twisted curves traces are given by the other generators of (\mathfrak{f}).

2.2 Special base fields

The arithmetic in the base-field is very important to get an efficient scalar multiplication in practice. That is why we look for special primes, for which the arithmetic is known to be fast:

$$2^{256\pm k} \pm \epsilon \qquad 0 \le k \le 8 \qquad -2^{12} \le \epsilon \le 2^{12}$$
$$p_{k,w}[\epsilon_{k-1}, \dots, \epsilon_0] := 2^{kw} + \sum_{0 \le i \le k} \epsilon_i 2^{iw} \qquad \epsilon_i \in \{0, \pm 1\}$$

We chose to explore the primes such that:

- n := kw is approximately 256.
- w is taken equal to or a bit less than the machine word size 32 or 64, to allow efficient arithmetic or carry-free multiplications.
- k is kept minimal, as the complexity of a multiplication modulo a prime heavily depends on the number of words: we consider k from 8 to 10 words around 32 bits, or 4 to 5 words of size about 64 bits.

The values used are summarized in the following table:

n	256	252	255	260	265	256	252	260
k	4	4	5	5	5	8	9	10
w	64	63	51	52	53	32	28	26

We are particularly interested in the well-known primes $p25519 \ 2^{255} - 19$ and NISTp256 $2^{256} + 2^{96} - 1 = p_{256,32}[00001002]$, and we also include some primes of the compact form $q^n \pm \epsilon$ ($q = 6, 7, 8, 9, \epsilon < 10$) recommended in [3]. These patterns lead to the study of 1543 primes, whose generation is available at http://bit.ly/2BTCY8v.

2.3 Search results

Among theses families of curves, reduced over these special primes, we get 88 curves with cofactor $< 2^8$. We encode $\epsilon_i \in \{0, \pm 1\}$ as an integer mod 3, so that 2 represents -1. The following tables list all possible GLV4-curves for the explored primes. The cofactor of the curve is given in column labelled **h**, and column **TS** indicates whether the twist is secure.

Prime	Curve	h	тs
$p_{8,32}[22121212]$	$E_{2,13,5/18}$	18	no
$p_{9,28}[2012101]$	$E_{2,29,1820/9801}$	8	no
$p_{9,28}[20002122]$	$E_{2,5,1/2}$	2	no
$p_{9,28}[12001102]$	$E_{2,5,1/2}$	2	no
$p_{9,28}[12010221]$	$E_{7,13,1/3}$	133	no
$p_{9,28}[201000211]$	$E_{3,5,1}$	12	no
$p_{9,28}[201000211]$	$E_{3,5,11/25}$	12	no
$p_{9,28}[100221021]$	$E_{7,61,5/39}$	7	no
$p_{9,28}[110122201]$	$E_{2,3,7/12}$	18	no
$p_{9,28}[110122201]$	$E_{2,5,161/360}$	18	no
$p_{10,26}[2120112]$	$E_{2,37,145/882}$	158	no
$p_{10,26}[22020001]$	$E_{3,89,53/500}$	177	no
$p_{10,26}[20011222]$	$E_{7,13,1/3}$	47	no
$p_{10,26}[21211102]$	$E_{7,61,5/39}$	25	no
$p_{10,26}[12102112]$	$E_{3,5,1}$	36	no
$p_{10,26}[12102112]$	$E_{3,5,11/25}$	36	no
$p_{10,26}[10012011]$	$E_{2,5,161/360}$	34	no
$p_{10,26}[201112011]$	$E_{7,13,1/3}$	252	no
$p_{10,26}[212121001]$	$E_{2,3,7/12}$	18	no
$p_{10,26}[210002212]$	$E_{7,13,1/3}$	28	no
$p_{10,26}[211010022]$	$E_{2,37,145/882}$	2	no
$p_{10,26}[121111012]$	$E_{3,17,1/4}$	147	no
$p_{10,26}[100110211]$	$E_{2,3,7/12}$	18	no
$p_{10,26}[101200201]$	$E_{3,17,1/4}$	27	no
$p_{10,26}[111202212]$	$E_{2,13,5/18}$	14	no
$p_{10,26}[2221210212]$	$E_{2,37,145/882}$	98	no
$p_{10,26}[2000220102]$	$E_{7,5,1}$	9	no
$p_{10,26}[2001212212]$	$E_{7,5,1}$	189	no
$p_{10,26}[2012002102]$	$E_{3,17,1/4}$	132	no
$p_{10,26}[2121211122]$	$E_{2,29,1820/9801}$	8	no
$p_{10,26}[1202222101]$	$E_{2,3,7/12}$	18	no
$p_{10,26}[1012100212]$	$E_{2,13,5/18}$	126	no
$p_{10,26}[1012101001]$	$E_{3,5,1}$	12	no
$p_{10,26}[1012101001]$	$E_{3,5,11/25}$	12	no
$p_{10,26}[1010120022]$	$E_{2,5,4/9}$	56	no
$p_{10,26}[1122121111]$	$E_{2,3,7/12}$	18	no
$p_{10,26}[1110020002]$	$E_{2,5,1/2}$	2	no
$p_{10,26}[1110020002]$	$E_{2,29,1820/9801}$	248	no

Prime	Curve	h	тѕ	Prime	Curve	h	тѕ
$2^{256} + 3003$	$E_{2,37,\frac{145}{882}}$	86	no	$2^{261} - 1251$	$E_{3,41,\frac{5}{32}}$	3	yes
$2^{256} + 3003$	$E_{2,37,\frac{145}{882}}$	86	no	$2^{261} - 1629$	$E_{3,5,1}$	12	no
$2^{257} + 155$	$E_{2,13,\frac{5}{18}}$	34	no	$2^{261} - 1629$	$E_{3,5,\frac{11}{25}}$	12	no
$2^{257} + 3981$	$E_{2,2,\frac{70}{99}}$	124	no	$2^{251} - 1339$	$E_{2,29,\frac{1820}{9801}}$	4	no
$2^{255} - 19$	$\mathbf{E}_{2,2,\frac{70}{99}}$	4	no	$2^{251} + 3879$	$E_{3,89,\frac{53}{500}}$	12	no
$2^{258} + 529$	$E_{7,5,1}$	9	yes	$2^{262} - 71$	$E_{3,17,\frac{1}{4}}$	12	no
$2^{258} + 2467$	$E_{3,41,\frac{5}{22}}$	9	no	$2^{262} + 3205$	$E_{3,2,\frac{1}{2}}$	24	no
$2^{258} + 2973$	$E_{2,2,\frac{70}{99}}$	4	no	$2^{262} + 3243$	$E_{2,2,\frac{70}{99}}$	172	no
$2^{258} + 2973$	$E_{2,29,\frac{1820}{0801}}$	188	no	$2^{263} + 2169$	$E_{2,5,\frac{161}{260}}$	34	no
$2^{258} + 3397$	$E_{2,3,\frac{7}{12}}$	2	no	$2^{263} - 3097$	$E_{2,37,\frac{145}{882}}$	2	no
$2^{254} - 1427$	$E_{2,29,\frac{1820}{9801}}$	4	no	$2^{263} + 3725$	$E_{2,5,\frac{161}{260}}$	2	no
$2^{254} + 2913$	$E_{2,5,\frac{161}{260}}$	2	no	$2^{263} + 3933$	$E_{3,89,\frac{53}{500}}$	12	no
$2^{254} - 3897$	$E_{7,13,\frac{1}{2}}$	63	no	$2^{249} - 75$	$E_{2,3,\frac{7}{12}}$	2	no
$2^{259} - 2605$	$E_{2,5,\frac{1}{2}}$	54	no	$2^{249} - 75$	$E_{2,5,\frac{161}{260}}$	2	no
$2^{259} + 3111$	$E_{3,89,\frac{53}{500}}$	12	no	$2^{249} - 1959$	$E_{3,89,\frac{53}{500}}$	12	no
$2^{259} + 3279$	$E_{2,5,\frac{1}{2}}$	14	no	$2^{249} - 2109$	$E_{2,13,\frac{5}{18}}$	22	no
$2^{260} - 995$	$E_{2,3,\frac{7}{12}}$	2	no	$2^{264} + 841$	$E_{3,89,\frac{53}{500}}$	36	no
$2^{260} - 2147$	$E_{2,3,\frac{7}{12}}$	34	no	$2^{264} - 1257$	$E_{2,29,\frac{1820}{9801}}$	8	no
$2^{260} + 2983$	$E_{2,13,\frac{5}{18}}$	98	no	$2^{264} - 3113$	$E_{7,13,\frac{1}{3}}$	1	no
$2^{260} - 3995$	$E_{2,2,\frac{70}{99}}$	36	no	$2^{264} - 3695$	$E_{2,3,\frac{7}{12}}$	18	no
$2^{260} - 3995$	$E_{2,29,\frac{1820}{9801}}$	4	no	$2^{248} + 483$	$E_{2,13,\frac{5}{18}}$	22	no
$2^{252} + 421$	$E_{2,3,\frac{7}{12}}$	2	no	$2^{248} + 1527$	$E_{7,5,1}$	9	no
$2^{252} - 749$	$E_{2,5,\frac{1}{2}}$	18	no	$7^{98} - 2$	$E_{7,13,\frac{1}{3}}$	76	no
$2^{252} - 3609$	$E_{2,5,\frac{4}{9}}$	56	no	$2^{292} + 13$	$E_{2,3,\frac{7}{12}}$	2	no
$2^{252} + 4093$	$E_{3,17,\frac{1}{4}}$	3	no	$2^{320} + 27$	$E_{2,5,\frac{1}{2}}$	54	no

Certain curves have some good properties:

- One curve has prime order N of 528 bits for $p = 2^{264} 3113$:
 - $$\begin{split} N = & 87869410049671804351768330228241833181048771841834309 \\ & 24024913227757495274747154733622024848806303376940523 \\ & 20110703912930098196981893481301728517785874307577441 \end{split}$$

Its twist is unfortunately not secure.

- Two curves are secure and twist-secure (both orders have cofactor $< 2^8$):
 - $-E_{7,5,1}$ for $p = 2^{258} + 529$. Its cofactor is 9 and its twist is prime.
 - $E_{3,41,5/32}$ for $p = 2^{261} 1251$. Its cofactor is 3 and its twist 5².
- Curves with special primes known to have a fast arithmetic: three curves defined over the primes $7^{98}-2$, $2^{292}+13$, $2^{320}+27$, and the curve presented in the following section, for $p = 2^{255} 19$.

3 The $4\mathbb{Q}^{t}$ Ed curve

We obtain a four-dimensional GLV curve with $p = 2^{255} - 19$. The curve comes from the reduction of the Q-curve $E_{2,2,70/99}$:

$$E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2}): y^2 = x^3 + \left(-30 + \frac{140}{11} \cdot \sqrt{2}\right)x + \left(56 - \frac{560}{11} \cdot \sqrt{2}\right)$$

This curve is not twist-secure, but we chose to favour efficient base field arithmetic and group law rather than twist-security; in particular, the base field arithmetic implementation can rely on the same implementation than for curve Ed25519, providing extra concision for two levels of security. Moreover, most cryptographic schemes do not depend on twist-security; still, the twist of this curve has a cardinality divisible by two primes of size above 200 bits, and the curve itself has a minimal cofactor of only 4.

3.1 High security

The cardinality $\#E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ factorizes in $4 \cdot N$ with N prime of 508 bits:

$$#E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2}) = 4 \cdot N$$

$$\begin{split} N = & 837987995621412318723376562387865382967460363787024 \\ & 586107722590232610251879073047955441365222409345448 \\ & 472682727742170061679779878946355915266474990239807 \end{split}$$

It means that we get 254 bits of security, and we can use the twisted Edwards model to get a more efficient group law. To our knowledge, no public fourdimensional GLV curve has been proposed with 256 bits of security.

3.2 Twisted Edwards form

Our curve can be represented in twisted Edwards form. We follow [9] to get the new representation of the curve.

3.2.1 From Weierstrass to twisted Edwards form

A twisted Edwards form of our curve is

$$E_{a,d}^{\text{te}}:\underbrace{(12+2B_M)}_{a}x^2+y^2=1+\underbrace{(12-2B_M)}_{d}x^2y^2$$

where $B_M = \sqrt{2C_{2,\Delta}(s)}$ and $C_{2,\Delta}(s) = 9 + 9s\sqrt{\Delta}$. The isomorphisms between the two representations of the curve is given by:

$$E \longrightarrow E_{a,d}^{\text{te}}$$

$$(x,y) \longmapsto \left(\frac{x-4}{y}, \frac{x-4-B_M}{x-4+B_M}\right)$$

$$E_{a,d}^{\text{te}} \longrightarrow E$$

$$(x,y) \longmapsto \left(4 - B_M \frac{1+y}{y-1}, -B_M \frac{1+y}{x(y-1)}\right)$$

3.2.2 An efficient twisted Edwards form

The efficient twisted Edwards form is given by

$$E_{a',d'}^{\text{te}}: \sqrt{2} \cdot x^2 + y^2 = 1 + d'x^2y^2$$

where

$$a' = \sqrt{2}$$

 $d' = 3573088016646614954480418932420406244859581372259686051269315845535794557597 \cdot \sqrt{2}$

+ 3473749962157088117213622815292986398536428998352053700108297286112825423766

The maps between the Weierstrass and the efficient twisted Edwards form are given by:

$$E \longrightarrow E_{a',d'}^{\mathrm{tr}}$$

$$(x,y) \longmapsto \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{a'}} \frac{x-4}{y}, \frac{x-4-B_M}{x-4+B_M}\right)$$

$$E_{a',d'}^{\mathrm{te}} \longrightarrow E$$

$$(x,y) \longmapsto \left(4 - B_M \frac{1+y}{y-1}, -B_M \frac{1+y}{\sqrt{a'/ax(y-1)}}\right)$$

As explained in [2], each pair (a', d') such as $\frac{d'}{a'} = \frac{d}{a}$ give two isomorphic curves $E_{a,d}^{\text{te}}$ and $E_{a',d'}^{\text{te}}$, and the maps between them are given by:

In order to get an efficient group law, we choose a' of minimum size. Unfortunately, all isomorphic curves to our curve are bound to non-square a's, therefore we fix $a' = \sqrt{2}$. We stress that multiplication by a' is completely straightforward, resorting to a swap and a multiplication by 2. We deduce d' = a'd/a:

 $d' = 3573088016646614954480418932420406244859581372259686051269315845535794557597 \cdot \sqrt{2}$

+ 3473749962157088117213622815292986398536428998352053700108297286112825423766

3.3 A well-known base field arithmetic

Our curve is defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} where $p = 2^{255} - 19$ is the Curve25519 prime. The prime field \mathbb{F}_p is intensively used in practice, and has a fast implementation, given by Daniel J. Bernstein. See [1] for details.

3.4 Computing the endomorphisms

Computing ψ

As a Q-curve of degree 2, E is endowed with an endomorphism $\psi = \sqrt{2}$ of a subgroup of $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$:

$$\psi: (x,y) \mapsto \left(\left(-\frac{x}{2} - \frac{C_{2,2}(70/99)}{x-4} \right)^p, \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{-2}} \left(\frac{-1}{2} + \frac{C_{2,2}(70/99)}{(x-4)^2} \right) \right)^p \right)$$

Choosing

 $\sqrt{-2} = 19681161376707505956807079304988542015446066515923890162744021073123829784752} \cdot \sqrt{2}$

 ψ acts as $[\lambda]$ with

$$\begin{split} \lambda =& 3506297578596165759345628933926506463904106805826089265978646 \\ & 6960308360374607013470707020131196354707775231872550763080227 \\ & 1381792284325778231258805621048 \mod N \end{split}$$

and evaluating this endomorphism costs 2 inversions, 10 multiplications and 14 additions in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} .

Computing Ψ

The curve has also a second endomorphism $\Psi = [\sqrt{-22}]$ because of its endomorphism ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-22}]$. We compute it in SageMath [10] with the Stark algorithm [8, page 157] The resulting expression is a rational fraction of polynomials of degree 22 and 21, which is too expensive. Since on $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ we have an endomorphism $\sqrt{2}$, we can compute another endomorphism, $[\sqrt{-11}]$ which is much less expensive. As suggested by Aurore Guillevic, we use a similar method as for the construction of ψ :

• The division polynomial P_{11} generates the 11-torsion group

$$E[11] \simeq \mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$$

of order 121. This polynomial is of degree $(11^2 - 1)/2 = 60$ and factorizes over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} in two polynomials of degree 5 and 55. The first irreducible factor of P_{11} generates a subgroup G of order 11 of E[11].

- We use the Vélu's formulas to get the 11-isogeny $f: E \longrightarrow E/G$.
- The curve E/G is isomorphic to ${}^{(p)}E$. We denote $g: E/G \longrightarrow {}^{(p)}E$ this isomorphism. It has the form $(x, y) \mapsto (u^2 x, u^3 y)$ where $u = \sqrt[4]{A_{E/G}/A_E} = \sqrt[6]{B_{E/G}/B_E}$.
- Finally, we use the Frobenius $\pi_p: {}^{(p)}E \longrightarrow E$ to get the endomorphism

$$[\sqrt{-11}] = \pi_p \circ g \circ f$$

This second endomorphism acts as $[\mu]$ where

and its evaluation costs 1 inversion, 42 multiplications and 33 additions in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} . Its complete expression is given in Appendix A.

Conclusion

We computed the Smith method in SageMath [10] in order to find curves with high security, combined with a four-dimensional GLV. After searching over some interesting primes, we found couples of curves that can be used in practice. Among them, one seems to be very efficient: $4\mathbb{Q}^{t}$ Ed. We describe its endomorphisms used for the four-dimensional GLV method, and express its twisted Edwards form.

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A Computing $\sqrt{-11}$

$$[\sqrt{-11}] = \pi_p \circ g \circ f$$

where

$$\pi_p(a+b\cdot\sqrt{2},c+d\cdot\sqrt{2}) = (a-b\cdot\sqrt{2},c-d\cdot\sqrt{2})$$
$$g(x,y) = (u^2x,u^3y)$$

with:

 $u \!=\! 17048639620362878853615386438258801088262380274051614841274467045891723895160 \cdots \sqrt{2}$

$$f(x,y) = \left(\frac{p_1(x)q_5(x)r_5(x)}{v_5(x)^2}, y \cdot \frac{s_5(x)t_5(x)u_5(x)}{v_5(x)^3}\right)$$

 $p_1(x) = p_0 + x$ with

 $\begin{array}{l} p_0 = 38275801280003584244414328566062472603812973029016836004751458613804085439085 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ + \ 898578218329846369454066874754356751789769322511291129458116214933309266486 \end{array}$

$$q_5(x) = x^5 + \sum_{i=0}^4 q_i x^i$$
 with

- $\begin{array}{l} q_4 = & 20836077483202599229642265035805532028066799526144631562081474462199808839091 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + 19984852802444363430649121922706769540233406465891809506690680709173110297255 \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l} q_3 =& 46942396086131417481305513893594603539418111478284570080947424796068765736948 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ &+ 11662962956071875238053825824181586612879966232442490682652842449826014511944 \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l} q_2 = & 28070927367604263208812040216032297786391720385463092545266114816746189412848 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + 45023418001293663479768936177038537939769079345761359735792261148001281245690 \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l} q_1 = & 21336635906730707225613666810331945227179080217308680697354158436447272061478 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + & 40806047395922549355245800854321397130530154061717740407736765302551301799534 \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l} q_0 = & 49645866484416460979311626652818635183385616538855988674227466155518658694358 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + & 13943022910141592953045356728268013562274454864252820449362394557945024453391 \end{array}$

$$r_5(x) = x^5 + \sum_{i=0}^4 r_i x^i$$
 with

- $$\begin{split} r_4 =& 56680210474110011949514391406819903221390212110479096472624650931909235361756 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ &+ 37012613597883887911682303706882827634611816544417181383579995079850145256208 \end{split}$$
- $r_3 = 8208669343569473918303359687864149687232450536144631271808465509225973954234 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ + 797615358534484479551333341886157358873753379140782471243873583964797200562$
- $\begin{array}{l} r_2 =& 49231339724014934873699263883118506136612936073664341567736653812211497697503 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ &+ 341704645865841901083250011290930317215890779482717533165751213695487824486 \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l} r_{0}=&18069026743071610882866223930374191865741365027175038468355958241797621031056 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ &+ 27713001949210587339617062138197513394403867313660943722763639518608739669703 \end{array}$

$$v_5(x) = x^5 + \sum_{i=0}^4 s_i x^i$$
 with

 $v_4 = \!\! 17 \cdot \sqrt{2}$

- $v_2 = 10526553567028745038506453182607991623024544060512778549041598546173920876938 \cdot \sqrt{2} + 52632767835143725192532265913039958115122720302563892745207992730869604381558$
- $\begin{array}{l} v_0 = & 20574627426465274393444431220551983626820699754638612618581306249339936259275 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + & 48065461535399848213015003168519961749760831350688513622689943774885051934639 \end{array}$

$$s_5(x) = x^5 + \sum_{i=0}^4 s_i x^i$$
 with

- $$\begin{split} s_4 = & 16008688261727522996013065652219254486405871289723488232208527764762277541252 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + 15315387355970619090944851794859556751834865300171403826164568244009313305295 \end{split}$$
- $s_3 = 15186842253257712524866655016326918725461423925759472695795074349138598859959 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ + 62767429318733179444146932946206591272733530025546893197458787444100114613$
- $$\begin{split} s_2 = & 37385334186929753400766011209585094875481575733461982151463940826096061569607 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + 9458249835759025941143694542472028672136182637019254210414537249743777968129 \end{split}$$
- $s_1 = 2201647554582509067489596817617256479547527852727127320314425401109706999933 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ + 38866354183945959698016413970458324494489746910665797434433767850132032599295$
- $s_0 = 32839196677481465673549991544405871823069027091285810245848350589163393816065 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ + 41721349339161290861205954630034623685220146549671119230937774653130983038193$

$$t_5(x) = x^5 + \sum_{i=0}^4 t_i x^i$$
 with

- $\begin{array}{l} t_3 = & 602988097285405032893024757585068709075392165009695127767323470122282454798 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + 57833277189339364532341345571397747335362258802794735126531333216512464705792 \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l}t_2=\!57353647916328951945792067433886829731739320811153024789910446089469226318879\cdot\sqrt{2}\\ +\ 37911241215870326732135344779263933631474265635288249260272656208038865977070\end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l}t_1 =& 13588182795960608490270082956294730954989288238042040503247972418151174316952 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ &+ 7546177452498961608125675061949638570663924628867817077249643921634800358750 \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{l} t_0 = & 23142929110807769303961600381282083626652411775986693855872878042761549027776 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + & 40577160366699806712571770252173310822062652468883331243387450344228761997627 \end{array}$

$$u_5(x) = x^5 + \sum_{i=0}^4 u_i x^i$$
 with

$u_4 = \!\! 17 \cdot \sqrt{2}$

 $+\ 57896044618658097711785492504343953926634992332820282019728792003956564819929$

- $\begin{array}{l} u_1 = & 36842937484600607634772586139127970680585904211794724921645594911608723064225 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ & + & 15789830350543117557759679773911987434536816090769167823562397819260881318777 \end{array}$

 $[\]begin{array}{l} u_0 =& 43063173683299411521162763019759965730554952974825003155170175870711494497222 \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ &+ 21053107134057490077012906365215983246049088121025557098083197092347841748396 \end{array}$