Finding a supersingular isogeny path with only one isogeny computation 2023/04/25 — Eurocrypt Rump Session, Lyon

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Context

Meme: strong dog vs weak dog

- Lattices
- Been using dimension > 1000 since forever
- Selected by the NIST
- And selected again
- And again
- Isogenies
- Took 10 years to count to 4
- Needs 3 talks to explain something is broken
- No longer in NIST



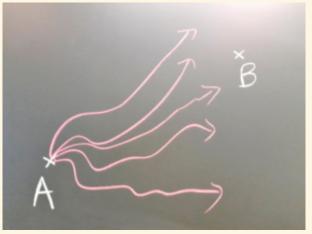
Goal

- Luca¹ wants to compute a bicycle path between Zürich and Lyon
- He is only allowed to do one isogeny request!





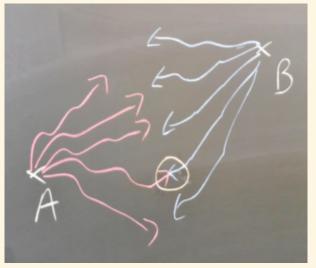
Existing algorithms



Depth search



Existing algorithms



Meet in the middle



Existing algorithms



Special points



A solution

- ullet $E, E'/\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ two supersingular curves ($p \approx$ 256 bits)
- Goal: find a 2^e -isogeny $\phi: E_1 \to E_2$
- $E_{\lambda}: y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$ (Legendre)
- $A = \prod_{\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{n^2} \{0,1\}} E_{\lambda}$
- ullet $K\subset A[2]$ generated by the 2-torsion points (0,0) on each E_λ
- $\Phi: A \to B = A/K$ encodes the full supersingular 2-isogeny graph!



Complexity

- \bullet Computing a 2-isogeny in dimension $\approx 2^{512}$ may seem expensive
- Good news! Restricting to $A=\prod E_{\lambda}$ with E_{λ} supersingular we are only in dimension $\approx 2^{256}$
- ullet The point (0,0) on E_λ and on $E_{1/\lambda}$ encode the same isogeny
- ⇒ Gains a factor two!



To infinity and beyond

• Abelian scheme of unbounded dimension:

$$A = \coprod_{p} \prod_{\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} - \{0,1\}} E_{\mathbb{F}_{p^2},\lambda}$$

• A single 2-isogeny encode all supersingular 2-isogeny graphs over all primes

Meme: to infinity

- To infinity and beyond
- Isogenies



Success?



Slogan: higher dimensional isogeny = the ability to put your bike in a train!

