

Elliptic-curve cryptography IX

Explicit formulas

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This is also the best way to see points at infinity on Edwards curves

$$((1 : 0), (\pm\sqrt{d} : \sqrt{a})) \text{ and } ((1 : \pm\sqrt{d}), (1 : 0))$$

if these exist.

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See the **EFD** for many more formulas and the whole **zoo** of curve shapes.

As designer choose curves with small constants (under the condition that the system is secure – we will see what that means soon).

Reminder: Montgomery ladder

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def cswap(bit, R, S): # constant time conditional swap
    dummy = bit * (R - S) # 0 or R - S
    R = R - dummy # R or R - (R - S) = S
    S = S + dummy # S or S + (R - S) = R
    return (R, S)

a = 44444 # our super secret scalar. No, not that one.
l = max # some maximum bit length, matching order(P)
A = a.digits(2, padto = l) # fill with 0 to lenght l
P0 = 0 # so initial doublings don't matter, 0=OP
P1 = P # difference P1 - P0 = P
for i in range(l-1, -1, -1): # fixed-length loop
    (P0, P1) = cswap(A[i], P0, P1) # see above
    P1 = P0 + P1 # addition with fixed difference
    P0 = 2P0 # double point for which bit is set
    (P0, P1) = cswap(A[i], P0, P1) # swap back, can merge
print(P0)
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This uses one doubling and one differential addition per bit.

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In ladder, $m - n = 1$, choose $Z_{m-n} = 1$ and $(A + 2)/4$ small.

Then cost per bit: 5M and 4S. Also like U_{m-n} small.

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