

1. Take-home exercises mastermath class “Algebraic Geometry in Cryptology”

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To submit your homework attach a pdf or jpeg to an email and send it to tanja@hyperelliptic.org. You are encouraged to use latex for your presentation but a scan of a handwritten solution is also acceptable. Word documents will NOT be accepted. You may use a computer algebra system such as sage in your calculations and some exercises rely on computer help.

1. Consider the following public-key cryptosystem:

Key set up: Alice chooses two integers a and b , puts $M = ab - 1$, chooses two more integers a' and b' , and sets $e = a'M + a$, $d = b'M + b$, and $n = (ed - 1)/M$.

The public key is (n, e) , the private key is d .

Encryption and Decryption: To send Alice a plaintext m , Bob computes $c = em \bmod n$.

Alice decipheres the ciphertext by multiplying c by d modulo n .

(a) Show that n is an integer.

(b) Why does this recover the plaintext? I.e. explain why $m = dc \bmod n$ holds.

(c) Set up your own public key in this system; document the intermediate steps.

(d) Alice's public key is $(8495535633017684, 26176918391)$; send her a message of your choice.

(e) Alice received the ciphertext 7957782655548030. Find out which message she received, i.e., break the system.

2. Consider the curve $C_1 : y^2 = x^3$ over \mathbb{F}_p with $p = 10715086071862673209484250490600018105614048117055336074437503883703510511249361224931983788156958581275946729175531468251871452856923140435984577574698574803934567774824230985421074605062371141877954182153046474983581941267398767559165543946077062914571196477686542167660429831652624386837205668069673$. On the set of points of $C_1(\mathbb{F}_p) \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ one can define the same addition law as on an elliptic curve in Weierstrass form, i.e. use $(x, y) + (x, -y) = P_\infty$, and otherwise for $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$, $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$

$$P_1 + P_2 = (\lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2, \lambda(x_1 - (\lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2)) - y_1), \text{ where } \lambda = \begin{cases} \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} & P_1 \neq \pm P_2 \\ \frac{3x_1^2}{2y_1} & P_1 = P_2 \neq -P_2 \end{cases}$$

(a) Study C_1 for singularities.

(b) Let $P = (8255302200938733614552466823477968457325782561218935056142726059110027388580706295782453565856664044528951968669913089204536275560323221045301534436485766149615760236824682690257100316670322275196568095088609815097515822522344479021114874270630610500757033318682332538694141098282779328155579116892630, 7860451953253008016334319086973083671521985101867784180016587109402633627711212053182594093190183411074103537064829327834079804038525491451700540424683612685440079252783622824399433548599140173127051099135461057611363536109031294511484067798548644218636887891791329270723692896110985700871789305536949)$ be the basis point.

Solve the discrete logarithm problem for $Q = (5327609297028292779281513309522061279072414264207422741862931141475973121719474042903306563396093622226700853860644281122888175388772299457384953735538300477233265223224828254792004233895115540315241123596698290228186281908362797832882869784043219513269107469016697438520682668518343339087861597928735, 6767574787998374045312531254485889267346635804210880573324198399103120818582869100692668723348853775626141450834240856516304468882593153806337540708655249527404559485322585846232433049950011450661683866308369532044985375861438408167088416826106478860667145954248204485340418606294002881501861726441301)$, i.e., find a natural number k so that $Q = kP$ holds.

3. Consider the curve $C_2 : y^2 = x(x - 1)^2$ over \mathbb{F}_p with p odd.

(a) Study C_2 for singularities.

(b) As in the previous exercise one can define a group law on $C_2(\mathbb{F}_p) \setminus \{(0, 1)\}$; this time using $\lambda = (3x_1^2 - 4x_1 + 1)/(2y_1)$ in case $P_1 = P_2$. How can you solve the discrete-logarithm problem on this curve? Show differences and similarities with the previous exercise.

Attention: Do not list generic attacks here, only attacks that are faster than \sqrt{p} count. You may use claims made in the lectures.

4. Let k be a field with $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$. The projective curve $C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ is defined over k and has generators of $I(C)$

$$F_1 = X^2 + Y^2 - Z^2 - dT^2, F_2 = XY - ZT,$$

where $d \in k \setminus \{0, 1\}$. Study C for singularities by using the standard covering of \mathbb{P}^3 by copies of \mathbb{A}^3 and dehomogenizing F_1 and F_2 .