

Complete addition laws  
for all elliptic curves  
over finite fields

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Normal textbooks and courses  
focus on *maximal* orders,  
i.e., orders without singularities:

“Have a non-maximal  $\mathbf{Z}[x]/f$ ?  
Yikes! Blow it up!”

# Edwards curves

2007 Edwards:

Every elliptic curve over  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$

is birationally equivalent to

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2(1 + x^2y^2)$$

for some  $a \in \overline{\mathbf{Q}} - \{0, \pm 1, \pm i\}$ .

$x^2 + y^2 = a^2(1 + x^2y^2)$  has

neutral element  $(0, a)$ , addition

$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_3, y_3)$  with

$$x_3 = \frac{x_1y_2 + y_1x_2}{a(1 + x_1x_2y_1y_2)},$$

$$y_3 = \frac{y_1y_2 - x_1x_2}{a(1 - x_1x_2y_1y_2)}.$$

2007 Bernstein–Lange:

Over a non-binary finite field  $k$ ,

$$x^2 + y^2 = c^2(1 + dx^2y^2)$$

covers more elliptic curves.

Here  $c, d \in k^*$  with  $dc^4 \neq 1$ .

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Can always take  $c = 1$ . Then

**10M + 1S + 1D** for addition,

**3M + 4S** for doubling.

Latest news, comparisons:

[hyperelliptic.org/EFD](http://hyperelliptic.org/EFD)

# Completeness

2007 Bernstein–Lange:

If  $d$  is not a square in  $k$  then

$$\{(x, y) \in k \times k : \\ x^2 + y^2 = c^2(1 + dx^2y^2)\}$$

is a commutative group  
under this addition law.

The denominators

$$c(1 + dx_1x_2y_1y_2),$$

$$c(1 - dx_1x_2y_1y_2)$$

are never zero.

No exceptional cases!

Compare to Weierstrass form

$$y^2 = x^3 + a_4x + a_6.$$

Standard explicit formulas

for Weierstrass addition

have several different cases:

“chord”; “tangent”;

vertical chord; etc.

Conventional wisdom:

Beyond genus 0,

explicit formulas for

multiplication in class group

always need case distinctions.



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Edwards addition formula has

exceptional cases for  $E(\bar{k})$

. . . but not for  $E(k)$ .

We do computations in  $E(k)$ .

Completeness eases  
implementations, avoids  
some cryptographic problems.

What about elliptic curves  
without points of order 4?

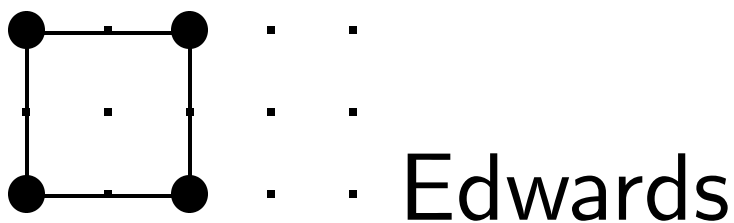
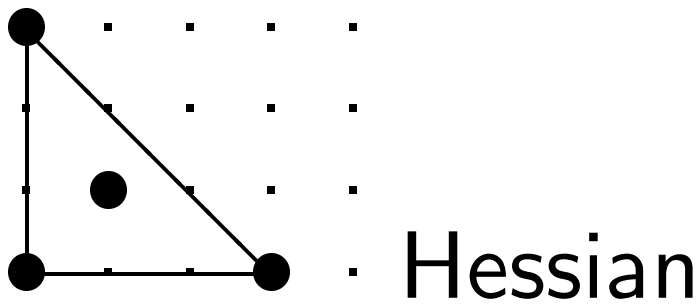
What about elliptic curves  
over binary fields?

Continuing project (B.–L.):

For *every* elliptic curve  $E$ ,  
find complete addition law for  $E$   
with best possible speeds.

Complete laws are useful  
even if slower than Edwards!

# Some Newton polygons



1893 Baker: genus is generically number of interior points.

2000 Poonen–Rodriguez-Villegas classified genus-1 polygons.

# How to generalize Edwards?

Design decision: want quadratic in  $x$  and in  $y$ .

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$$d_{20} \quad d_{21} \quad d_{22}$$

$$d_{10} \quad d_{11} \quad d_{21}$$

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Curve shape  $d_{00} + d_{10}(x + y) + d_{11}xy + d_{20}(x^2 + y^2) + d_{21}xy(x + y) + d_{22}x^2y^2 = 0$ .

Suppose that  $d_{22} = 0$ :

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Genus 1  $\Rightarrow (1, 1)$  is an interior point  $\Rightarrow d_{21} \neq 0$ .

Homogenize:

$$d_{00}Z^3 + d_{10}(X + Y)Z^2 + d_{11}XYZ + d_{20}(X^2 + Y^2)Z + d_{21}XY(X + Y) = 0.$$

Points at  $\infty$  are  $(X : Y : 0)$

with  $d_{21}XY(X + Y) = 0$ : i.e.,

$(1 : 0 : 0)$ ,  $(0 : 1 : 0)$ ,  $(1 : -1 : 0)$ .

Study  $(1 : 0 : 0)$  by setting

$$y = Y/X, z = Z/X$$

in homogeneous curve equation:

$$d_{00}z^3 + d_{10}(1 + y)z^2 + d_{11}yz + d_{20}(1 + y^2)z + d_{21}y(1 + y) = 0.$$

Nonzero coefficient of  $y$

so  $(1 : 0 : 0)$  is nonsingular.

Addition law cannot be complete  
(unless  $k$  is tiny).



So we require  $d_{22} \neq 0$ .

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Study  $(1 : 0 : 0)$  again:

$$d_{00}z^4 + d_{10}(1 + y)z^3 + d_{11}yz^2 + d_{20}(1 + y^2)z^2 + d_{21}y(1 + y)z + d_{22}y^2 = 0.$$

Coefficients of  $1, y, z$  are 0

so  $(1 : 0 : 0)$  is singular.

Put  $y = uz$ , divide by  $z^2$   
to blow up singularity:

$$d_{00}z^2 + d_{10}(1 + uz)z + d_{11}uz + d_{20}(1 + u^2z^2) + d_{21}u(1 + uz) + d_{22}u^2 = 0.$$

Substitute  $z = 0$  to find  
points above singularity:

$$d_{20} + d_{21}u + d_{22}u^2 = 0.$$

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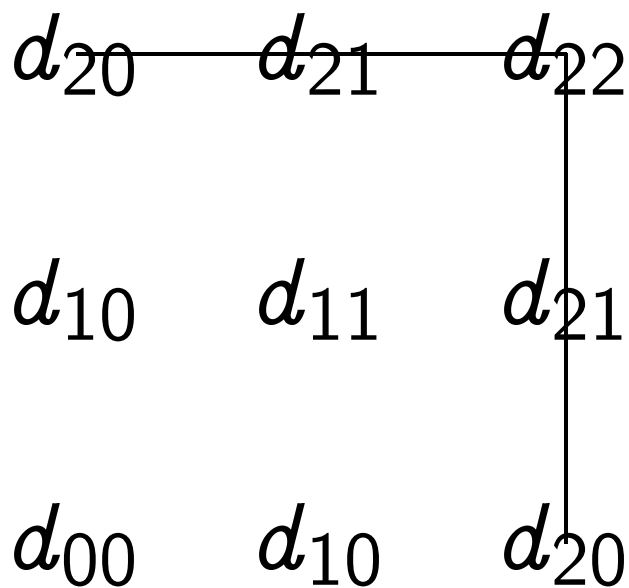
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to be irreducible in  $k$ .

Special case: complete Edwards,

$1 - du^2$  irreducible in  $k$ .

In particular  $d_{20} \neq 0$ :



Design decision: Explore  
a deviation from Edwards.

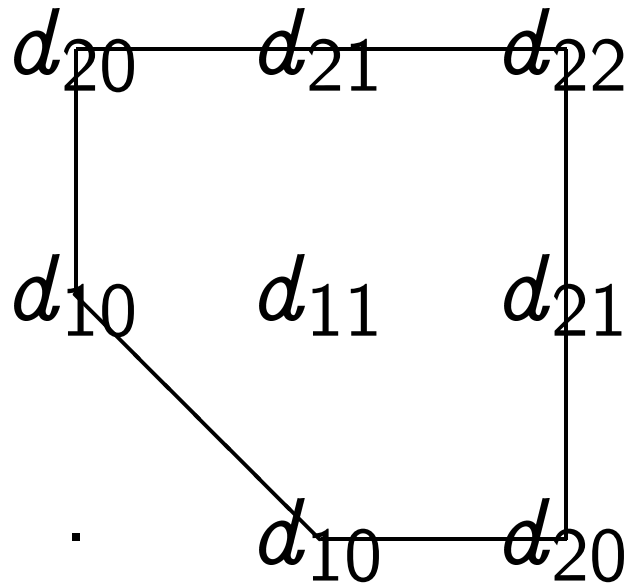
Choose neutral element  $(0, 0)$ .

$d_{00} = 0$ ;  $d_{10} \neq 0$ .

Can vary neutral element.

Warning: bad choice can produce  
surprisingly expensive negation.

Now have a Newton polygon  
for generalized Edwards curves:



By scaling  $x, y$   
and scaling curve equation  
can limit  $d_{10}, d_{11}, d_{20}, d_{21}, d_{22}$   
to three degrees of freedom.

2008 B.–L.–Rezaeian Farashahi:  
complete addition law for  
“binary Edwards curves”

$$d_1(x + y) + d_2(x^2 + y^2) = (x + x^2)(y + y^2).$$

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2009 B.–L.:

complete addition law for  
another specialization  
covering all the “NIST curves”  
over *non-binary* fields.

Consider, e.g., the curve

$$x^2 + y^2 = x + y + txy + dx^2y^2$$

with  $d = -1$  and

$$t = \begin{array}{r} 78751018041117252545420999954 \\ 76717646453854506081463020284 \\ 1395651175859201799 \end{array}$$

over  $\mathbf{F}_p$  where  $p = 2^{256} - 2^{224} + 2^{192} + 2^{96} - 1$ .

Note:  $d$  is non-square in  $\mathbf{F}_p$ .

Birationally equivalent to  
standard “NIST P-256” curve

$$v^2 = u^3 - 3u + a_6 \text{ where}$$

$$a_6 = \begin{array}{r} 41058363725152142129326129780 \\ 04726840911444101599372555483. \\ 5256314039467401291 \end{array}$$

An addition law for

$$x^2 + y^2 = x + y + txy + dx^2y^2,$$

complete if  $d$  is not a square:

$$x_3 = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + (t - 2)x_1x_2 + (x_1 - y_1)(x_2 - y_2) + dx_1^2(x_2y_1 + x_2y_2 - y_1y_2)}{1 - 2dx_1x_2y_2 - dx_1^2(x_2 + y_2 + (t - 2)x_2y_2)};$$

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Note on computing addition laws:  
An easy Magma script uses  
Riemann–Roch to find addition  
law given a curve shape.

Are those laws nice? No!

Find lower-degree laws by  
Monagan–Pearce algorithm,  
ISSAC 2006; or by evaluation at  
random points on random curves.

Are those laws complete? No!

But always seems easy to  
find complete addition laws  
among low-degree laws where  
denominator constant term  $\neq 0$ .

Birational equivalence from

$$x^2 + y^2 = x + y + txy + dx^2y^2 \text{ to}$$

$$v^2 - (t + 2)uv + dv =$$

$$u^3 - (t + 2)u^2 - du + (t + 2)d$$

$$\text{i.e. } v^2 - (t + 2)uv + dv =$$

$$(u^2 - d)(u - (t + 2)):$$

$$u = (dxy + t + 2)/(x + y);$$

$$v = \frac{((t + 2)^2 - d)x}{(t + 2)xy + x + y}.$$

Assuming  $t + 2$  square,  $d$  not:

only exceptional point is

$(0, 0)$ , mapping to  $\infty$ .

$$\text{Inverse: } x = v/(u^2 - d);$$

$$y = ((t + 2)u - v - d)/(u^2 - d).$$

# Completeness

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Can denominators be 0?

Only if  $d$  is a square!

Theorem: Assume that

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$d, t, x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2 \in k$ ;

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$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 = x_1 + y_1 + tx_1y_1 + dx_1^2y_1^2;$$

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Then  $1 - 2dx_1x_2y_2 -$

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Hence  $x_2 = y_2$  and  $1 = dx_1x_2y_2$ .

Curve equation<sub>1</sub> times  $1/x_1^2$ :

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Now  $2x_2^2 = 2x_2 + tx_2^2 + x_2$

so  $3 = (2-t)x_2$  so  $27d = (2-t)^3$ .

Contradiction.

## What's next?

Make the mathematicians happy:

*Prove* that all curves  
are covered; should be easy  
using Weil and rational param.

Make the computer happy:

Find *faster* complete laws.

Latest news, B.–Kohel–L.:

Have complete addition law  
for twisted Hessian curves

$$ax^3 + y^3 + 1 = 3dxy$$

when  $a$  is non-cube.

Close in speed to Edwards  
and covers different curves.