

An Alternative Approach for Computing Discrete Logarithms in Compressed SIDH

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Abstract. Currently, public-key compression of supersingular isogeny Diffie-Hellman (SIDH) and its variant, supersingular isogeny key encapsulation (SIKE) involve pairing computation and discrete logarithm computation. Both of them require large storage for precomputation to accelerate the performance. In this paper, we propose a novel method to compute only three discrete logarithms instead of four, in exchange for computing a lookup table efficiently. We also suggest another alternative method to compute discrete logarithms with small storage.

Our implementation shows that the efficiency of our first method is close to that of the previous work, and our algorithms perform better in some special cases. Although the implementation of the second method is not as efficient as the state of the art, the storage is reduced by a factor of about 3.77 to about 22.86. In particular, the storage requirement for discrete logarithms of the order- 3^{e_3} multiplicative group decreases from 390.00 KiB to 17.06 KiB when using the 751-bit prime. We believe that the latter method will be highly attractive in memory constrained environments.

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1 Introduction

Isogeny-based cryptography has received widespread attention due to its small public key sizes in post-quantum cryptography. The most attractive isogeny-based cryptosystems are supersingular isogeny Diffie-Hellman (SIDH) [12] and its variant, supersingular isogeny key encapsulation (SIKE) [3]. The latter one was submitted to NIST, and now it still remains one of the nine key encapsulation mechanisms in Round 3 of the NIST standardization process.

Indeed, Public key sizes in SIDH/SIKE can further be compressed. Azarderakhsh et al. [4] firstly proposed a method for public-key compression, and later Costello et al. [6] proposed new techniques to further reduce the public-key size and make public-key compression practical. Zanon et al. [22,23] improved the implementation of compression and decompression by utilizing several techniques. Naehrig and Renes [16] employed the dual isogeny to increase performance of compression techniques, while the methods for efficient binary torsion basis generation were presented in [18].

However, the implementation of pairing computation and discrete logarithm computation are still bottlenecks of public-key compression of SIDH/SIKE. Lin et al. [15] saved about considerable memory for pairing computation and made it perform faster. To avoid pairing computation, Pereira and Barreto [17] compressed the public key with the help of ECDLP. As for discrete logarithms, Hutchinson et al. [11] utilized signed-digit representation and torus-based representation to reduce the size of lookup tables for computing discrete logarithms. Both of them compress discrete logarithm tables by a factor of 2, and the former one reduces without any computational cost of lookup table construction. It makes practical to construct the lookup tables without precomputation.

In the current state-of-the-art implementation, there are *four* values to be obtained in discrete logarithm computation. Note that one of the four values must be invertible in $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell^{e_\ell}}$ [6]. One only needs to get three new values by performing one inversion and three multiplications in $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell^{e_\ell}}$, and then transmit them. It is natural to ask whether one can compute the *three* transmitted values directly during discrete logarithm computation.

In this paper, we tackle this problem and propose two alternative methods to obtain the transmitted values. We summarize our work as follows:

- We propose a trick to compute only three discrete logarithms to compress the public key, in exchange for computing a lookup table efficiently. The current state-of-the-art implementation requires one inversion and three multiplications in $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell^{e_\ell}}$ ($\ell = 2$ or 3) after computing discrete algorithms. We avoid these operations.
- Currently, the algorithm used for discrete logarithm computation in compressed SIDH/SIKE is recursive. Inspired by [5], we present a non-recursive algorithm to compute discrete logarithms. This maybe helpful for parallel implementation of discrete logarithm computation.
- Similar to the previous work [23], we also use the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm [20] to simplify a discrete logarithm in the multiplicative group of order ℓ^{e_ℓ} to discrete logarithms in the multiplicative group of order ℓ^w , where w is a small integer. Hence, our algorithms allow a memory-efficiency trade-off. Our experimental results show that the efficiency of new algorithms is close to that of the previous work. In particular, public-key compression of Bob performs better when the base power w is equal to 4 and it exactly divides the parameter e_2 .
- Finally, we suggest an alternative approach to compute discrete logarithms with small storage. Instead of the entire lookup table, we only compute its

first column and last row. We also deduce the best w to minimize the storage. Although the implementation is not as efficient as that of the previous work, we believe that it will be attractive in some cases, especially when the storage is limited.

The sequel is organized as follows. In Section 2 we review the techniques that utilized for computing discrete logarithms in public-key compression. In Section 3 we propose new techniques to compute discrete logarithms and construct the lookup table efficiently. Section 4 gives another method to compute discrete logarithms with small storage. Finally, we compare our experimental results with the previous work in Section 5 and conclude in Section 6.

2 Notations and Preliminaries

2.1 Notations

In this paper, we use $E_A : y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$ to denote a supersingular Montgomery curve defined over the field $\mathbb{F}_{p^2} = \mathbb{F}_p[i]/\langle i^2 + 1 \rangle$, where $p = 2^{e_2}3^{e_3} - 1$. Let $E_A[2^{e_2}] = \langle P_2, Q_2 \rangle$ and $E_A[3^{e_3}] = \langle P_3, Q_3 \rangle$. We also use ϕ_2 and ϕ_3 to denote the 2^{e_2} -isogeny and 3^{e_3} -isogeny, respectively. Besides, we define μ_n to be a multiplicative subgroup of order n in $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}^*$, i.e.,

$$\mu_n = \{\delta \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}^* \mid \delta^n = 1\}.$$

As usual, we denote the costs of one \mathbb{F}_{p^2} field multiplication and squaring by \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{S} , respectively. We also use \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{s} to denote the computational cost of one multiplication and squaring in the field \mathbb{F}_p . When estimating the cost, we assume that $\mathbf{M} \approx 3\mathbf{m}$, $\mathbf{S} \approx 2\mathbf{m}$ and $\mathbf{s} \approx 0.8\mathbf{m}$.

2.2 Public-key Compression

In this subsection, we briefly review public-key compression of SIDH/SIKE, and concentrate on computing discrete logarithms. We only consider how to compress two points of order 3^{e_3} , while the other case is similar. We refer to [12,7,9,3] for more details of SIDH and SIKE. For their security analysis, see [14,10,19,13,1].

Azarderakhsh et al. [4] first presented techniques to compress the public key. The main idea is to generate a 3^{e_3} -torsion basis $\langle U_3, V_3 \rangle$ by a deterministic pseudo-random number generator, and then utilize this basis to linearly represent $\phi_2(P_3)$ and $\phi_2(Q_3)$. That is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_2(P_3) \\ \phi_2(Q_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & b_0 \\ a_1 & b_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_3 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
r_0 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(U_3, V_3), \\
r_1 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(U_3, \phi_2(P_3)) = e_{3^{e_3}}(U_3, a_0U_3 + b_0V_3) = r_0^{b_0}, \\
r_2 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(U_3, \phi_2(Q_3)) = e_{3^{e_3}}(U_3, a_1U_3 + b_1V_3) = r_0^{b_1}, \\
r_3 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(V_3, \phi_2(P_3)) = e_{3^{e_3}}(V_3, a_0U_3 + b_0V_3) = r_0^{-a_0}, \\
r_4 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(V_3, \phi_2(Q_3)) = e_{3^{e_3}}(V_3, a_1U_3 + b_1V_3) = r_0^{-a_1}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Therefore, with the help of bilinear pairings [8], one can compute a_0, a_1, b_0 and b_1 by computing four discrete logarithms in the multiplicative group $\mu_{3^{e_3}}$.

Instead of $(\phi_2(P_3), \phi_2(Q_3))$, one could transmit the tuple (a_0, b_0, a_1, b_1, A) . Costello et al. [6] observed either $a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_{3^{e_3}}^*$ or $b_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_{3^{e_3}}^*$ since the order of $\phi_A(P_B)$ is 3^{e_3} , and concluded that the public key could be compressed to the tuple

$$(a_0^{-1}b_0, a_0^{-1}a_1, a_0^{-1}b_1, 0, A), \text{ or } (b_0^{-1}a_0, b_0^{-1}a_1, b_0^{-1}b_1, 1, A) \text{ if } a_0 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{3^{e_3}}^*.$$

Zanon et al. [23] proposed another new technique, called *reverse basis decomposition*, to speed up the performance of computing discrete logarithms. Note that $(\phi_2(P_3), \phi_2(Q_3))$ is also a 3^{e_3} -torsion basis of E_A . The coefficient matrix in Equation (1) is invertible, i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_3 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & d_0 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_2(P_3) \\ \phi_2(Q_3) \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & d_0 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & b_0 \\ a_1 & b_1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}.$$

Correspondingly, the following pairing computation substitutes for Equation (2):

$$\begin{aligned}
r_0 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(P_3), \phi_2(Q_3)) = e_{3^{e_3}}(P_3, Q_3)^{2^{e_2}}, \\
r_1 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(P_3), U_3) = e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(P_3), c_0\phi_2(P_3) + d_0\phi_2(Q_3)) = r_0^{d_0}, \\
r_2 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(P_3), V_3) = e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(P_3), c_1\phi_2(P_3) + d_1\phi_2(Q_3)) = r_0^{d_1}, \\
r_3 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(Q_3), U_3) = e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(Q_3), c_0\phi_2(P_3) + d_0\phi_2(Q_3)) = r_0^{-c_0}, \\
r_4 &= e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(Q_3), V_3) = e_{3^{e_3}}(\phi_2(Q_3), c_1\phi_2(P_3) + d_1\phi_2(Q_3)) = r_0^{-c_1}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

In this situation one needs to transmit

$$(-d_1^{-1}d_0, -d_1^{-1}c_1, d_1^{-1}c_0, 0, A), \text{ or } (-d_0^{-1}d_1, d_0^{-1}c_1, -d_0^{-1}c_0, 1, A) \text{ if } d_1 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{3^{e_3}}^*.$$

Since the value r_0 only depends on public parameters, the arbitrary order of r_0 could be precomputed to improve the implementation of computing discrete logarithms. In addition, note that the order of the group $\mu_{3^{e_3}}$ is smooth. Therefore, four discrete logarithms could be computed by using the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm [20], as we will describe in the following subsection.

2.3 Pohlig-Hellman algorithm

The Pohlig-Hellman algorithm is an algorithm which is used to efficiently compute discrete logarithms in a group whose order is smooth. For a discrete logarithm $h = g^x \in \mu_{\ell^{e_\ell}}$, one could simplify it to e_ℓ discrete logarithms in a multiplicative group of order ℓ .

Algorithm 1 Pohlig-Hellman Algorithm

Require: $\langle g \rangle$: multiplicative group of order ℓ^{e_ℓ} ; h : challenge.

Ensure: x : integer $x \in [0, \ell^{e_\ell})$ such that $h = g^x$.

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1:  $s \leftarrow g^{\ell^{e_\ell-1}}$ ,  $x \leftarrow 0$ ,  $h_0 \leftarrow h$ ;
2: for  $i$  from 0 to  $e_\ell - 1$  do
3:    $t_i \leftarrow h_i^{\ell^{e_\ell-1-i}}$ ;
4:   find  $x_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, \ell - 1\}$  such that  $t_i = s^{x_i}$ ;
5:    $x \leftarrow x + x_i \cdot \ell^i$ ,  $h_{i+1} \leftarrow h_i \cdot g^{-x_i \ell^i}$ ;
6: end for
7: return  $x$ .
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As we can see in Algorithm 1, a lookup table

$$T_1[i][j] = g^{-j\ell^i}, i = 0, 1, \dots, e_\ell - 1, j = 0, 1, \dots, \ell - 1,$$

can be precomputed to save the computational cost. Besides, one can also use a windowed version of Pohlig-Hellman algorithm to simplify the discrete logarithm to $\frac{e_\ell}{w}$ discrete logarithms in a group of order $L = \ell^w$, where $w|e_\ell$. The windowed version of Pohlig-Hellman algorithm reduces the loop length, but it consumes more storage.

When w does not divide e_ℓ the procedure needs some modifications. Zanon et al. handled this situation by storing two tables [23, Section 6.2]:

$$\begin{aligned}
T_1[i][j] &= g^{-j\ell^{wi}}, i = 0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1; \\
T_2[i][j] &= \begin{cases} g^{-j}, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ g^{-j\ell^{w(i-1) + (e_\ell \bmod w)}}, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases} \quad (4)
\end{aligned}$$

where $j = 0, 1, \dots, \ell^w - 1$. This doubles the storage compared to the situation when w divides e_ℓ .

2.4 Optimal Strategy

The time complexity of Algorithm 1 is $O(e_\ell^2)$. However, this strategy is far from optimal [21]. Inspired by the optimal strategy of computing isogenies [12], Zanon et al. [23] claimed that one can also adapt the optimal strategy into the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm, reducing the time complexity to $O(e_\ell \log e_\ell)$ in the end.

Let Δ_n be a graph containing the vertices $\{\Delta_{j,k} | j + k \leq n - 1, j \geq 0, k \geq 0\}$, satisfying the following properties:

- Each split vertex $\Delta_{j,k}$ has exactly two outgoing edges $\Delta_{j,k} \rightarrow \Delta_{j+1,k}$ and $\Delta_{j,k} \rightarrow \Delta_{j,k+1}$;
- Each vertex $\Delta_{j,k} (j+k = n-1)$ has no outgoing edges, called leaves; We also call the vertex $\Delta_{0,0}$ the root;
- Each vertex has exactly one incoming edge if it has outgoing edges, except for the root.

A subgraph is called a strategy if it contains a given vertex $\Delta_{j',k'}$ such that the leaves $\Delta_{j,k} (j+k = n-1, j \geq j', k \geq k')$ can be reached from $\Delta_{j',k'}$. A strategy Δ'_n of Δ_n is full if it contains the root $\Delta_{0,0}$ and all leaves $\Delta_{j,k} (j+k = n-1)$. Assigning the weights $p, q > 0$ to the left edges and the right edges, respectively⁴, we can define the cost of an optimal strategy Δ'_n by

$$C_{p,q}(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ \min \{C_{p,q}(i) + C_{p,q}(n-i) + (n-i)p + iq \mid 0 \leq i \leq n\}, & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

By utilizing Equation (5), the optimal strategy could be attained by [23, Algorithm 6.2], which is a dynamic programming algorithm.

2.5 Signed-digit Representation

Hutchinson et al. [11] reduced the memory for computing discrete logarithms by utilizing signed-digit representation [2]. Here we only introduce the situation when w divides e_ℓ , while the other situation when w does not divide e_ℓ one needs to store an additional table, but the handling is similar.

Instead of limiting $x = \log_g h \in \{0, 1, \dots, \ell^{e_\ell} - 1\}$, one could represent it by

$$x = \sum_{k=0}^{e_\ell/w-1} D'_k L^k,$$

where $L = \ell^w$ and $D'_k \in [-\frac{L-1}{2}, \frac{L-1}{2}]$. It seems that in this case, storing the following lookup table is necessary:

$$T_1^{sgn}[i][j] = g^{jL^i}, i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{e_\ell}{w} - 1, j \in \left[-\lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil, \lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil\right].$$

However, since for any element $a + bi \in \mu_{p+1}$ ($a, b \in \mathbb{F}_p$) and $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$,

$$(a + bi)^{p+1} = 1 = (a + bi)(a + bi)^p = (a + bi)(a^p + b^p i^p) = (a + bi)(a - bi).$$

Hence, one inversion of an arbitrary element in μ_{p+1} is equal to its conjugate. This property guarantees one can reduce the table size by a factor of 2, i.e.,

$$T_1^{sgn}[i][j] = g^{jL^i}, i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{e_\ell}{w} - 1, j \in \left[1, \lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil\right].$$

⁴ In this case, they are the costs of raising an element in μ_{p+1} to ℓ^w -power and one multiplication in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} , respectively.

Remark 1. All the values in Column 0, i.e., $T_1^{sgn}[i][0]$, are equal to $g^0 = 1$. Therefore, there is no need to precompute and store them.

In fact Hutchinson et al. took advantages of torus-based representation of cyclotomic subgroup elements to further reduce the table size by a factor of 2. Since this technique is difficult to be utilized into this work, we do not review here and refer the interested reader to [11] for more details.

2.6 Section Summary

The implementation of computing discrete logarithms in public-key compression of SIDH/SIKE has been optimized in recent years. However, it is still one of the main efficiency bottlenecks of key compression.

To summarize, we propose Algorithm 2 to compute discrete logarithms by utilizing the techniques mentioned above.

Algorithm 2 $\text{Traverse}(r, j, k, z, S, T_1^{sgn}, L, D)$: Improved Pohlig-Hellman Algorithm

Require: h : value of root vertex $\Delta_{j,k}$ (i.e., challenge); j, k : coordinates of root vertex $\Delta_{j,k}$; z : number of leaves in subtree rooted at vertex $\Delta_{j,k}$; S : optimal strategy; T_1^{sgn} : lookup table; L : ℓ^w .

Ensure: D : Array such that $h = g^{(D[\frac{e_\ell}{w}-1] \dots D[1]D[0])_L}$.

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1: if  $z > 1$  then
2:    $t \leftarrow S[z]$ ;
3:    $h' \leftarrow h^{L^{z-t}}$ ;
4:    $\text{Traverse}(h', j + (z - t), k, t, S, T_1^{sgn}, L, D)$ ;
5:    $h' \leftarrow h \cdot \prod_{l=k}^{k+t-1} (T_1^{sgn}[j+l][D[k]-1])^{-\text{sign}(D[k])}$ ;
6:    $\text{Traverse}(h', j, k+t, z-t, S, T_1^{sgn}, L, D)$ ;
7: else
8:   if  $h = 1$  then
9:      $D[k] \leftarrow 0$ .
10:  else
11:    find  $x_k \in \{0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{L-1}{2} \rfloor\}$  such that  $h = T_1^{sgn}[\frac{e_\ell}{w} - 1][x_k + 1]$  or  $h =$ 
       $T_1^{sgn}[\frac{e_\ell}{w} - 1][x_k + 1]$ ;
12:    if  $h = T_1^{sgn}[\frac{e_\ell}{w} - 1][x_k + 1]$  then
13:       $D[k] \leftarrow x_k + 1$ ;
14:    else
15:       $D[k] \leftarrow -x_k - 1$ ;
16:    end if
17:  end if
18: end if
19: return  $D$ .

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3 Computing Three Discrete Logarithms Instead of Four

As mentioned in Section 2.2, one needs to compute four discrete logarithms in the multiplicative group $\langle r_0 \rangle$ during public-key compression. Since r_0 is fixed, the techniques mentioned above are put to good use. In this section, we will present a novel method to compute discrete logarithms.

3.1 Three Discrete Logarithms

Note that the main purpose of computing discrete logarithms is to compute three values $(-d_1^{-1}d_0, -d_1^{-1}c_1, d_1^{-1}c_0)$ (or $(-d_0^{-1}d_1, d_0^{-1}c_1, -d_0^{-1}c_0)$ when d_1 is not invertible in $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell^{e_\ell}}$). For simplicity, we assume that d_1 is invertible and aim to compute $(-d_1^{-1}d_0, -d_1^{-1}c_1, d_1^{-1}c_0)$.

Since d_1 is invertible in $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell^{e_\ell}}$, we can deduce that $r_2 = r_0^{d_1}$ is a generator of the multiplicative group $\langle r_0 \rangle$. Hence, instead of computing four discrete logarithms of r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 to the base r_0 (defined in Equation (3)), we consider three discrete logarithms of r_1, r_3, r_4 to the base r_2 . It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= r_0^{d_0} = r_0^{d_1 \cdot d_1^{-1} \cdot d_0} = r_2^{d_1^{-1} d_0}, \\ r_3 &= r_0^{-c_0} = r_0^{-d_1 \cdot d_1^{-1} \cdot c_0} = r_2^{-d_1^{-1} c_0}, \\ r_4 &= r_0^{-c_1} = r_0^{-d_1 \cdot d_1^{-1} \cdot c_1} = r_2^{-d_1^{-1} c_1}. \end{aligned}$$

In other words, we only need to compute three discrete logarithms to compress the public key. Since it is unnecessary to compute d_1^{-1} and multiply it by d_0, c_0 and c_1 , we also save one inversion and three multiplications in $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell^{e_\ell}}$. Unfortunately, computing discrete logarithms to the base r_0 when lookup tables are available is much more efficient than computing discrete logarithms to the base r_2 . Furthermore, it is impossible to precompute values to improve the performance due to the fact that the base r_2 depends on d_1 . Hence, compared to the previous work in the case where $w|e_\ell$, one needs to efficiently construct the lookup table

$$T_1^{sgn}[i][j] = (r_2)^{(j+1)L^i}, i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{e_\ell}{w} - 1, j = 0, 1, \dots, \lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil - 1. \quad (6)$$

Zanon et al. handled the situation when $w \nmid e_\ell$ to precompute an extra lookup table, as described in Equation (4). Inspired by the method proposed by Pereira et al. when handling ECDLP [17, Section 4.4], we present a similar approach for computing discrete logarithms when $w \nmid e_\ell$. That is, instead of discrete logarithms of r_1, r_3, r_4 to the base r_2 , we compute discrete logarithms of $(r_1)^{\ell^m}, (r_3)^{\ell^m}, (r_4)^{\ell^m}$ to the base r_2 , where $m = (e_\ell \bmod w)$. Correspondingly, the lookup table should be modified by the following:

$$T_1^{sgn}[i][j] = (r_2)^{(j+1)L^i + \ell^m}, i = 0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1, j = 0, 1, \dots, \lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil - 1.$$

In this situation, we recover the values $d_1^{-1}d_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}$, $-d_1^{-1}c_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}$ and $-d_1^{-1}c_1 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}$. Afterwards, we compute the three values as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 \cdot (r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}d_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}} &= (r_2)^{d_1^{-1}d_0 - (d_1^{-1}d_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}})}, \\ r_3 \cdot (r_2)^{d_1^{-1}c_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}} &= (r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}c_0 + (d_1^{-1}c_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}})}, \\ r_4 \cdot (r_2)^{d_1^{-1}c_1 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}} &= (r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}c_1 + (d_1^{-1}c_1 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}})}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Finally, we compute three discrete logarithms of the above values to the base $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}$ to recover the full digits of three values $-d_1^{-1}d_0$, $-d_1^{-1}c_1$ and $d_1^{-1}c_0$.

Since $\langle (r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-m}} \rangle$ is a multiplicative subgroup of $\langle (r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-w}} \rangle$, we can regard the last three discrete logarithms as the discrete logarithms to the base $r_2' = (r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-w}}$, which are computed efficiently with the help of the lookup table. A problem raised here is that how to compute the values $(r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}d_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}}$, $(r_2)^{d_1^{-1}c_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}}$ and $(r_2)^{d_1^{-1}c_1 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}}$ in Equation (7). Therefore, except the construction of the lookup table, we also take into account how to obtain the three values mentioned in Equation (7) with high efficiency when $w \nmid e_\ell$.

3.2 Base Choosing

Before constructing the lookup table, it is necessary to check whether r_2 is a generator of the multiplicative group $\langle r_0 \rangle$. If not, we choose r_1 to be the base of discrete logarithms and construct the corresponding lookup table.

Note that in this case, d_1 is unknown. So we can not determine the order of r_2 by computing the greatest common divisor of d_1 and ℓ^{e_ℓ} . Instead, we compute $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-1}}$ to check whether it is equal to 1. For any element $\delta = u + vi \in \mu_{p+1}$, where $u, v \in \mathbb{F}_p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^2 &= (u + vi)^2 \\ &= u^2 - v^2 + 2uvi \\ &= u^2 - (1 - u^2) + \left((u + v)^2 - 1 \right) i \\ &= 2u^2 - 1 + \left((u + v)^2 - 1 \right) i, \\ \delta^3 &= (u + vi)^3 \\ &= u^3 + 3u^2vi - 3uv^2 - v^3i \\ &= u \cdot u^2 + 3u^2 \cdot vi - u \cdot 3(1 - u^2) - (1 - u^2) \cdot vi \\ &= u \cdot (u^2 - 3(1 - u^2)) + (3u^2 - (1 - u^2)) \cdot vi \\ &= u \cdot \left((2u)^2 - 3 \right) + \left((2u)^2 - 1 \right) \cdot vi \\ &= u \cdot \left(\left((2u)^2 - 1 \right) - 2 \right) + \left((2u)^2 - 1 \right) \cdot vi. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Hence, we can efficiently compute $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-1}}$ by squaring or cubing $e_\ell - 1$ times with respect to ℓ and check whether it is equal to 1. Another advantage is that

we also compute the values in the first column of the lookup table when r_2 is a generator of $\langle r_0 \rangle$.

We present Algorithm 3 for determining the base of discrete logarithms and computing the values in the first column of the lookup table. We also output the intermediate values that are used to improve the performance of discrete logarithms when $w \nmid e_\ell$.

Algorithm 3 choose_base($\ell, e_\ell, w, r_1, r_2$)

Require: w : base power; r_1, r_2 : elements defined in Equation (3).

Ensure: $label$: sign bit used to mark the choice of the generator; A : values in the first column of the lookup table.

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1:  $label \leftarrow 1, A[0] \leftarrow r_2$ ;
2: for  $i$  from 0 to  $(e_\ell \bmod w) - 1$  do
3:    $A[0] \leftarrow (A[0])^\ell$ ;
4: end for
5: for  $i$  from 1 to  $\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1$  do
6:    $A[i] \leftarrow A[i - 1]$ ;
7:   for  $k$  from 0 to  $w - 1$  do
8:      $A[i] \leftarrow (A[i])^\ell$ ;
9:     if  $A[i] = 1$  then
10:       $label \leftarrow 0, \text{break.}$ 
11:    end if
12:   end for
13: end for
14: if  $label = 1$  then
15:    $t \leftarrow A[\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1]$ ;
16:   for  $i$  from 0 to  $w - 2$  do
17:      $t \leftarrow t^\ell$ ;
18:     if  $t = 1$  then
19:        $label \leftarrow 0, \text{break.}$ 
20:     end if
21:   end for
22: end if
23: if  $label = 0$  then
24:    $A[0] \leftarrow r_1$ ;
25:   for  $i$  from 0 to  $(e_\ell \bmod w) - 1$  do
26:      $A[0] \leftarrow (A[0])^\ell$ ;
27:   end for
28:   for  $i$  from 1 to  $\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1$  do
29:      $A[i] \leftarrow A[i - 1]$ ;
30:     for  $k$  from 0 to  $w - 1$  do
31:        $A[i] \leftarrow (A[i])^\ell$ ;
32:     end for
33:   end for
34: end if
35: return  $label, A$ .

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3.3 Lookup Table Construction

Algorithm 3 outputs the values in the first column of the lookup table. As we can see in Equation (6), all the values in the lookup table are small powers of the first elements in the corresponding row. More precisely,

$$T_1^{sgn}[i][j] = (T_1^{sgn}[i][0])^{j+1}, i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{e_\ell}{w} - 1, j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil - 1.$$

Therefore, one can raise the powers of the values in the first column to generate all the values in the lookup table. As mentioned in Equation (8), the costs of squaring and cubing in the multiplicative group μ_{p+1} are approximately $2\mathbf{m} \approx 1.6\mathbf{m}$ and $1\mathbf{s} + 2\mathbf{m} \approx 2.8\mathbf{m}$, respectively. Both of them are more efficient than operating one multiplication in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} , which costs approximately $3\mathbf{m}$. Note that all the values are in the group μ_{p+1} . One can utilize squaring and cubing operations, as we summarized in Algorithm 4.

Algorithm 4 T_DLP(ℓ, e_ℓ, w, A)

Require: w : base power; A : values in the first column of the lookup table T_1^{sgn} .

Ensure: T_1^{sgn} : entire lookup table.

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1: for  $i$  from 0 to  $\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1$  do
2:    $T_1^{sgn}[i][0] \leftarrow A[i]$ ;
3: end for
4: for  $i$  from 0 to  $\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1$  do
5:   for  $j$  from 1 to  $\lfloor \frac{\ell^w - 1}{2} \rfloor$  do
6:     if  $j \bmod 2 = 1$  then
7:        $T_1^{sgn}[i][j] \leftarrow (T_1^{sgn}[i][\frac{j-1}{2}])^2$ ;
8:     else
9:       if  $j \bmod 3 = 2$  then
10:         $T_1^{sgn}[i][j] \leftarrow (T_1^{sgn}[i][\frac{j-2}{3}])^3$ ;
11:       else
12:         $T_1^{sgn}[i][j] \leftarrow (T_1^{sgn}[i][\frac{j-1}{2}]) \cdot T_1^{sgn}[i][0]$ ;
13:       end if
14:     end if
15:   end for
16: end for
17: return  $T_1^{sgn}$ .

```

The bigger the base power w , the larger the size of the lookup table T_1^{sgn} , i.e., the higher the computational cost of lookup table construction, but the less discrete logarithms to be computed. Hence, just like efficiency-memory trade-offs provided by the previous work, we also explore the optimal base power w to minimize the whole computational cost. We leave this exploration in Section 5.

3.4 Discrete Logarithm Computation

For ease of exposition, in this subsection we assume that we have chosen r_2 as the base of discrete logarithms. By utilizing the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm, three discrete logarithms to the base r_2 could be simplified into discrete logarithms to the base $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}$ or $r_2' = (r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-w}}$. Indeed, the discrete logarithms to the base $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}$ can also be regarded as discrete logarithms to the base r_2' since $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}$ is an element in the multiplicative group $\langle r_2' \rangle$. Thus, we consider how to compute discrete logarithms to the base r_2' first.

Note that all the entries in the last row of the lookup table T_1^{sgn} are of the form

$$T_1^{sgn}[\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1][j] = (r_2)^{(j+1)\ell^{e_\ell-w}}, j = 0, 1, \dots, \lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil - 1.$$

Thanks to signed-digit representation, all the entries in the last row of the lookup table and their conjugates consist of all nontrivial elements in the multiplicative group $\langle r_2' \rangle$. Therefore, computing discrete logarithms to the base $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-w}}$ is relatively easy with the help of $T_1^{sgn}[\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1][j], j = 0, 1, \dots, \lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil - 1$.

Algorithm 5 small_DLP(ℓ, w, h, B')

Require: w : base power; h : challenge; B' : last row of the lookup table T_1^{sgn} ;

Ensure: x, sgn : integers such that $h = (B'[0])^{sgn \cdot x}$.

```

1:  $sgn \leftarrow 1$ ;
2: if  $h = 1$  then
3:    $x \leftarrow 0$ ;
4: else
5:   find  $x \in \{0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{L-1}{2} \rfloor\}$  such that  $h = B'[x]$  or  $h = \overline{B'[x]}$ , where  $L = \ell^w$ ;
6:   if  $h = B'[x]$  then
7:      $sgn \leftarrow -1$ ;
8:   end if
9:    $x \leftarrow x + 1$ ;
10: end if
11: return  $x, sgn$ .
```

Remark 2. When handling discrete logarithms to the base $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell-m}}$, the output of Algorithm 5 is ℓ^{w-m} times of the correct answer. Therefore, we should modify the output by dividing it by ℓ^{w-m} .

As we have pointed out in Section 3.1, when the base power w does not divide e_ℓ , one efficiency issue to be solved is how to compute the three values $(r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}d_0 \bmod \ell^{e_\ell-m}}$, $(r_2)^{d_1^{-1}c_0 \bmod \ell^{e_\ell-m}}$ and $(r_2)^{d_1^{-1}c_1 \bmod \ell^{e_\ell-m}}$ in Equation (7). A naive approach is to compute them by the Double-and-Add algorithm. One may utilize the values in the lookup table to accelerate the computation, while

it is still relatively expensive according to our experiments. Here we propose another more efficient method. For simplicity, we only consider how to compute $(r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}d_0 \bmod \ell^{e_\ell - m}}$.

As we mentioned above, we translate the discrete logarithm to the base r_2 to multiple discrete logarithms to the base $r_2' = (r_2)^{\ell^{e_\ell - w}}$. In each discrete logarithm computation to the base r_2' , several bits of the value $d_1^{-1}d_0 \pmod{\ell^{e_\ell - m}}$ is recovered. We denote $D[k]$ to be the solution of the k -th discrete logarithm. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}d_0 \bmod \ell^{e_\ell - m}} &= (r_2)^{\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 2} D[k] \cdot L^k} \\ &= (r_2)^{D[\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 2] \cdot L^{\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 2}} \cdot \dots \cdot (r_2)^{D[1] \cdot L} \cdot (r_2)^{D[0]}; \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Therefore, we could compute $(r_2)^{D[k] \cdot L^k}$ once the value $D[k]$ is computed in the $(k+1)$ -th discrete logarithm computation. It should be noted that we have computed $(r_2)^{D[k] \cdot \ell^{w(k-1)+m}}$ and stored it in the lookup table. So one could compute $(r_2)^{D[k] \cdot L^k}$ (except for the case $k=0$) according to the equation below:

$$(r_2)^{D[k] \cdot L^k} = \left[(r_2)^{D[k] \cdot \ell^{w(k-1)+m}} \right]^{L^{w-m}}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 2. \quad (10)$$

In the case when $k=0$, we can use r_2 to directly compute $(r_2)^{D[0]}$.

Furthermore, the squaring/cubing operations in Equation (10) could be delayed until $(r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}d_0 \bmod \ell^{e_\ell - m}}$ is required, since we do not need these values to accelerate discrete logarithms to the base r_2' . Hence, we can save these operations as possible by the following:

$$(r_2)^{-d_1^{-1}d_0 \bmod \ell^{e_\ell - m}} = (r_2)^{D[0]} \cdot \left[(r_2)^{\sum_{D[k]<0} D[k] \cdot \ell^{w(k-1)+m}} \cdot (r_2)^{\sum_{D[k]>0} D[k] \cdot \ell^{w(k-1)+m}} \right]^{L^{w-m}}. \quad (11)$$

The reason why we divide the computation $(r_2)^{\sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 2} D[k] \cdot \ell^{w(k-1)+m}}$ into two parts is that the former part requires for additive conjugate operations. In total, with the help of the lookup table, it only costs at most¹ $\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 2$ multiplications, $w - m$ squarings/cubings and several operations to compute $(r_2)^{D[0]}$.

It remains how to compute discrete logarithms of r_1 , r_3 and r_4 to the base r_2 efficiently. Cervantes-Vázquez et al. proposed a non-recursive algorithm to compute ℓ^{e_ℓ} -isogeny [5]. Inspired by their work, we present Algorithm 6 to compute discrete logarithms. Now we describe how Algorithm 6 works in detail.

Notations: The input h is the challenge of discrete logarithms, i.e, r_1 , r_3 or r_4 , and g is equal to r_2 . The vector Str is the linear representation of the optimal strategy. In the algorithm, we construct a stack, denoted by $Stack$, which

¹ We can skip the case when $D[k]$ is equal to 0.

contains the tuples of the form (h_t, e_t, l_t) , where $h_t \in \mu_{p+1}$ and $e_t, l_t \in \mathbb{N}$. Each tuple in *Stack* represents the vertex which has been passed through (in left-first order), with the value h_t , the order $\ell^{e_t - e_t - m}$ and a right outgoing edge. When pushing a tuple into *Stack*, we also record the label $Str[i]$ of the previous vertex, denoted by l_t . The integers (j, k) are coordinates of the last vertex which has been passed through. The variants y and y_0 are used to compute the value in (11) and the final discrete logarithm to the base $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_t - m}}$. The other notations, such as the lookup table T_1^{sgn} , are defined as above.

Lines 3-6: As we described in Section 3.1, we compute discrete logarithms of $(h)^{\ell^m}$ to the base r_2 when $w \nmid e_t$. So we first compute $(h)^{\ell^m}$ when $m \neq 0$. Afterwards, we push $((h)^{\ell^m}, 0, 0)$ into *Stack*.

Lines 7-33: This part is the core of Algorithm 6. The main idea is to traverse the strategy according to a left-first ordering and construct a stack to store the vertices that have right outgoing edges. Once a discrete logarithm is computed, all the vertices in *Stack* are replaced by their right vertices, respectively.

Line 7 checks if k is equal to $\lfloor \frac{e_t}{w} \rfloor - 1$, i.e. the rightmost vertex $\Delta_{0, \lfloor \frac{e_t}{w} \rfloor - 1}$ has been traversed. In this case we jump out of the loop.

Line 8 aims to check whether the last vertex that has been passed through is a leaf or not. When the vertex is not a leaf, we go the left $Str[i]$ edges to enter the next split vertex and then **push** the information of this vertex into *Stack* until the vertex is a leaf (Lines 10-13). When the vertex is a leaf, there are no edges to traverse left or right, and the values of the vertex is an element of order ℓ^w in the multiplicative group $\mu_{\ell^{e_t}}$. Hence, we **pop** the tuple from *Stack* and then execute the algorithm **small_DLP** in Lines 16-17. Then we store the result into the array D in Lines 18-22.

Note that in this case, there are no left edges to be traversed. But all the right edges of the vertices in *Stack* can be traversed since we have recovered $D[k]$. For each tuple (h_t, e_t, l_t) in *Stack*, we execute

$$h_t \leftarrow h_t \cdot \overline{T_1^{sgn}[e_t][x_t - 1]} \text{ or } h_t \leftarrow h_t \cdot T_1^{sgn}[e_t][x_t - 1],$$

with respect to sgn_t (Lines 23-31).

The rest is to modify the position of the last vertex, as described in Line 32.

Lines 34-40: Now we have passed through the whole optimal strategy and in this case *Stack* remains one tuple, i.e., it remains the vertex $\Delta_{0, \lfloor \frac{e_t}{w} \rfloor - 1}$ that needed to be handled. Therefore, we **pop** the tuple from *Stack* and execute the algorithm **small_DLP** again. Finally, we store the answer into $D[\lfloor \frac{e_t}{w} \rfloor - 1]$.

Lines 41-61: Line 41 checks whether the base power w divides e_t . When w divides e_t , we are done. If not, we need to compute the values in Equation (7) and an extra discrete logarithm to the base $(r_2)^{\ell^{e_t - m}}$. Hence, when $m \neq 0$, we compute $(r_2)^{(D[\lfloor \frac{e_t}{w} \rfloor - 2] \cdots D[1]D[0])_L}$ with the help of the lookup table and Equation (11). After that, perform a multiplication in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} and finally execute the algorithm **small_DLP**. As we mentioned in Remark 2, the output of **small_DLP** is ℓ^{w-m} times of the correct answer. Therefore, we divide ℓ^{w-m} into the output.

Line 62: Return the array D .

We give a toy example to show how Algorithm 6 computes the discrete logarithm h to the base g . For simplicity, we assume $m = 0$, and there are three leaves in the strategy $Str = (1, 1)$, as illustrated in Figure (a). We first **push** the tuple $(h, 0, 0)$ into $Stack$. Now Lines 7-8 check that the vertex $\Delta_{0,0}$ is not a leaf, and therefore we are able to traverse left by squaring/cubing w times and **push** the tuple $(h^{\ell^w}, 1, 1)$ into $Stack$, as described in Lines 10-13. Again, Line 8 checks that $\Delta_{0,1}$ is not a leaf as well, so we continue traversing left and **push** the tuple $(h^{\ell^w}, 2, 1)$ into $Stack$ (Figure (c)). Note that $\Delta_{2,0}$ is a leaf of order ℓ^w . We **pop** the tuple and then execute the algorithm **small_DLP** to compute the discrete logarithm, and then we recover $D[0]$. Afterwards, Lines 23-31 handle all the vertices in $Stack$ by performing two multiplications in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} , as shown in Figures (d) and (e). In this case, we check that $\Delta_{1,1}$ is a leaf, so we **pop** the top tuple from $Stack$ and execute **small_DLP** again to recover $D[1]$. We traverse right from $\Delta_{0,1}$ to enter the rightmost vertex with the help of $D[1]$ (Figure (f)). Finally, Lines 34-40 **pop** the tuple and execute **small_DLP** once again to recover $D[2]$.

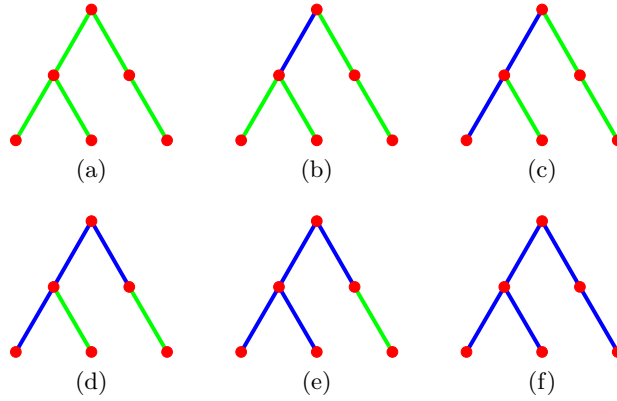


Fig. 1: A toy example of Algorithm 6

Algorithm 6 PH.DLP($\ell, e_\ell, m, w, h, g, Str, T_1^{sgn}$)

Require: w : base power; h : challenge; Str : Optimal strategy; T_1^{sgn} : entire lookup table;

Ensure: D : Array such that $h = g^{(D[\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1] \cdots D[1]D[0])_{\ell^w}}$.

- 1: initialize a Stack $Stack$, which contains tuples of the form (h_t, e_t, l_t) , where $h_t \in \mu_{p+1}$, $e_t, l_t \in \mathbb{N}$.
- 2: $B' \leftarrow$ last row of the lookup table T_1^{sgn} , $i \leftarrow 0$, $j \leftarrow 0$, $k \leftarrow 0$, $m \leftarrow e_\ell \bmod w$, $h_t \leftarrow h$, $y \leftarrow 1$;
- 3: **for** i_1 from 0 to $m - 1$ **do**
- 4: $h_t \leftarrow (h_t)^\ell$;

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5: end for
6: Push the tuple  $(h_t, j, k)$  into Stack;
7: while  $k \neq \lfloor \frac{e_t}{w} \rfloor - 1$  do
8:   while  $j + k \neq \lfloor \frac{e_t}{w} \rfloor - 1$  do
9:      $j \leftarrow j + Str[i]$ ;
10:    for  $i_2$  from 0 to  $w \cdot Str[i] - 1$  do
11:       $h_t \leftarrow (h_t)^\ell$ ;
12:      Push the tuple  $(h_t, j + k, Str[i])$  into Stack;
13:    end for
14:     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ ;
15:  end while
16: Pop the top tuple  $(h_t, e_t, l_t)$  from Stack;
17:  $(x_t, sgn_t) \leftarrow \mathbf{small\_DLP}(\ell, w, h_t, B')$ ;
18: if  $sgn_t = 1$  then
19:    $D[k] \leftarrow x_t$ ;
20: else
21:    $D[k] \leftarrow -x_t$ ;
22: end if
23: for each tuple  $(h_t, e_t, l_t)$  in Stack do
24:   if  $x_t \neq 0$  then
25:     if  $sgn_t = 1$  then
26:        $h_t \leftarrow h_t \cdot \overline{T_1^{sgn}[e_t][x_t - 1]}$ ;
27:     end if
28:     else
29:        $h_t \leftarrow h_t \cdot T_1^{sgn}[e_t][x_t - 1]$ ;
30:     end if
31:   end for
32:    $j \leftarrow j - l_t, k \leftarrow k + 1$ ;
33: end while
34: Pop the top tuple  $(h_t, e_t, l_t)$  from Stack;
35:  $(x_t, sgn_t) \leftarrow \mathbf{small\_DLP}(\ell, w, h_t, B')$ ;
36: if  $sgn_t = 1$  then
37:    $D[k] \leftarrow x_t$ ;
38: else
39:    $D[k] \leftarrow -x_t$ ;
40: end if
41: if  $m \neq 0$  then
42:    $y_0 \leftarrow g^{D[0]}$ ;
43:   for  $i_2$  from 1 to  $\lfloor \frac{e_t}{w} \rfloor - 1$  do
44:     if  $D[i_2] < 0$  then
45:        $y \leftarrow y \cdot \overline{T_1^{sgn}[i_2 - 1][-D[i_2] - 1]}$ ;
46:     end if
47:     if  $D[i_2] > 0$  then
48:        $y \leftarrow y \cdot T_1^{sgn}[i_2 - 1][D[i_2] - 1]$ ;
49:     end if

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50: end for
51: for  $i_3$  from 0 to  $w - m - 1$  do
52:    $y \leftarrow y^\ell$ ;
53: end for
54:  $y \leftarrow y_0 \cdot y, y \leftarrow h \cdot \bar{y}$ ;
55:  $(x_t, \text{sgn}_t) \leftarrow \text{small\_DLP}(\ell, w, y, B')$ ;
56: if  $\text{sgn}_t = 1$  then
57:    $D[k + 1] \leftarrow \frac{x_t + 1}{\ell^{w-m}}$ ;
58: else
59:    $D[k + 1] \leftarrow -\frac{x_t + 1}{\ell^{w-m}}$ ;
60: end if
61: end if
62: return  $D$ .

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4 Discrete Logarithm Computation with Small Storage

Similar to the state of the art, the method proposed in Section 3 also consumes large storage because of the entire lookup table. When storage is limited, one may prefer an economical algorithm for storage instead of a more efficient one which requires large memory. Based on the previous method, we propose another method to compute discrete logarithms with small storage. Although the performance is not as efficient as that of the former, we believe that it would be competitive in storage limited environments.

Note that the last row of the lookup table is vital to accelerate the performance of discrete logarithms of the order- ℓ^w multiplicative subgroup. On the other hand, most of the elements in the lookup table are only used to modify the values h_t of each tuple in the stack, and all of them could be easily computed using the first column of the lookup table and efficient squaring/cubing operations in the multiplicative group μ_{p+1} .

Therefore, instead of constructing the entire lookup table, we only compute the first column and the last row, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \left\{ T_1^{\text{sgn}}[i][0] = (r_2)^{\ell^{w i + m}}, i = 0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1 \right\}; \\
B &= \left\{ T_1^{\text{sgn}}[\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1][j] = (r_2)^{(j+1)\ell^{e_\ell - w}}, j = 0, 1, \dots, \lceil \frac{L-1}{2} \rceil - 1 \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Since the last element of the array A is the first one of the array B , we could save one to be stored. Hence, there are totally

$$S = \lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor + \lceil \frac{\ell^w - 1}{2} \rceil - 1 \tag{13}$$

elements to be cached. However, it can be seen that the base power w has a great impact on the required storage, as Table 1 reports. According to Equation (13), the best choice of w for both parties are 3 and 5, respectively.

Table 1: The number of elements in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} needed to be stored. The minimum in the same row, i.e, in the same setting except the base power, are reported in bold.

Setting		$w = 1$	$w = 2$	$w = 3$	$w = 4$	$w = 5$	$w = 6$
SIKEp434	$\mu_3^{e_3}$	137	71	57	73	147	385
	$\mu_2^{e_2}$	216	109	75	61	58	67
SIKEp503	$\mu_3^{e_3}$	159	82	65	78	151	389
	$\mu_2^{e_2}$	250	126	86	69	65	72
SIKEp610	$\mu_3^{e_3}$	192	99	76	87	158	395
	$\mu_2^{e_2}$	305	153	104	83	76	81
SIKEp751	$\mu_3^{e_3}$	239	122	91	98	167	402
	$\mu_2^{e_2}$	372	187	127	100	89	93

We believe that this approach to compute discrete logarithms is practical. Firstly, both of the two arrays in Equation (12) are easy to be constructed with the help of fast squaring and cubing operations in Equation (8). These procedures also exist in the previous method. Besides, all the elements in the lookup table T_1^{sgn} could be efficiently computed if we have the knowledge of the first column. More specifically, when modifying the values h_t of the tuple (h_t, e_t, l_t) in the stack, we use the e_t -th element in the array A to compute the value $(T_1^{sgn}[e_t][x_t - 1])^{1-2sgn_t}$, according to the following algorithm:

Algorithm 7 fast_power(e_t, x_t, sgn_t, A)

Require: e_t : the second value in the tuple (h_t, e_t, l_t) ; x_t, sgn_t : output of Algorithm 5; A : the first column of the lookup table T_1^{sgn} .

Ensure: $v: (T_1^{sgn}[e_t][x_t - 1])^{1-2sgn_t}$.

- 1: $t_0 \leftarrow A[e_t], v \leftarrow A[e_t]$;
- 2: $tmp \leftarrow x_t, tmp_6 \leftarrow (tmp \bmod 6), tmp \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{tmp}{6} \rfloor$;
- 3: **switch** (tmp_6)
- 4: **case 0:**
- 5: $v \leftarrow 1$; **break**;
- 6: **case 1:**
- 7: **break**;
- 8: **case 2:**
- 9: $v \leftarrow v^2$; **break**;
- 10: **case 3:**
- 11: $v \leftarrow v^3$; **break**;
- 12: **case 4:**
- 13: $v \leftarrow (v^2)^2$; **break**;
- 14: **case 5:**
- 15: $v \leftarrow v \cdot (v^2)^2$; **break**;
- 16: **end switch**

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17: while  $tmp \neq 0$  do
18:    $tmp_6 \leftarrow (tmp \bmod 6)$ ,  $t_0 \leftarrow (t_0)^2$ ,  $t_0 \leftarrow (t_0)^3$ ;
19:   switch ( $tmp_6$ )
20:   case 0:
21:     break;
22:   case 1:
23:      $t_1 \leftarrow t_0$ ; break;
24:   case 2:
25:      $t_1 \leftarrow (t_0)^2$ ; break;
26:   case 3:
27:      $t_1 \leftarrow (t_0)^3$ ; break;
28:   case 4:
29:      $t_1 \leftarrow ((t_0)^2)^2$ ; break;
30:   case 5:
31:      $t_1 \leftarrow t_0 \cdot ((t_0)^2)^2$ ; break;
32:   end switch
33:    $v \leftarrow v \cdot t_1$ ,  $tmp \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{tmp}{6} \rfloor$ ;
34: end while
35: if  $sgn_t = 1$  then
36:    $v \leftarrow \bar{v}$ ;
37: end if
38: return  $v$ .

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Finally, Algorithm 6 should be modified slightly since we do not have the entire lookup table. The modification has little impact on the performance. We present it in Appendix A.

5 Cost Estimates and Implementation Results

In this section, we will estimate the computational cost and storage requirements of the methods proposed in Sections 3 and 4. As mentioned in Section 3.1, the optimal base power w to minimize the whole computational cost for different parameter sets will be explored. We will also compare our work with the previous work, and report the implementation of key generation of SIDH by utilizing our techniques.

5.1 Cost Estimates

For simplicity, we neglect additions and mainly take into account multiplications and squarings ($1s \approx 0.8m$) since both of them are much more expensive than additions.

As shown in Table 2, when the storage is available, we predict that for all the Round-3 SIKE parameters, the cost of discrete logarithm computation in the multiplicative group μ_{3e_3} with the entire lookup table would be minimal when the base power w is equal to 3. When handling the group μ_{2e_2} , the base power

$w = 4$ would be the best choice for SIKEp434 and SIKEp751, and $w = 5$ for SIKEp503 and SIKEp610.

Table 2: Cost estimates (in \mathbb{F}_p multiplications \mathbf{m}) of three discrete logarithms utilizing our techniques. The minimal costs in the same row, i.e, in the same setting except the base power, are reported in bold.

With Entire Lookup Table							
Setting		$w = 1$	$w = 2$	$w = 3$	$w = 4$	$w = 5$	$w = 6$
$\mu_{3^{e_3}}$	SIKEp434	8962.4	6738.6	6078.7	7096.5	10936.8	21264.3
	SIKEp503	10743.4	8030.0	6822.6	8284.7	12689.8	25248.5
	SIKEp610	13432.9	9193.2	8508.1	9946.6	15768.3	30898.4
	SIKEp751	17298.8	12970.8	11640.9	13155.3	19799.8	38383.5
$\mu_{2^{e_2}}$	SIKEp434	11705.1	7458.9	6026.8	5488.1	5918.1	6176.4
	SIKEp503	13902.2	8836.1	7909.2	7075.6	6551.1	7583.0
	SIKEp610	17569.1	12588.1	9958.0	8966.9	8254.6	9493.2
	SIKEp751	22082.5	14235.7	11495.6	10440.9	11048.1	11454.4
Without Entire Lookup Table							
$\mu_{3^{e_3}}$	SIKEp434	8962.4	7851.3	8584.4	8640.4	8929.2	9237.5
	SIKEp503	10743.4	9403.1	8852.4	10205.9	10530.2	11149.1
	SIKEp610	13432.9	10470.3	11102.6	10985.8	13381.7	11602.3
	SIKEp751	17298.8	15201.5	16749.1	16690.1	17218.2	17715.2
$\mu_{2^{e_2}}$	SIKEp434	11705.1	7729.3	6698.8	6707.7	8228.3	6852.4
	SIKEp503	13902.2	9160.9	9123.9	9204.7	8287.3	9713.3
	SIKEp610	17569.1	13191.4	11490.4	11778.3	10563.7	12301.2
	SIKEp751	22082.5	14790.5	12841.1	13028.4	15680.9	13396.8

As for the second method, one could set $w = 3$ or 5 to minimize the computational cost of discrete logarithm computation in $\mu_{2^{e_2}}$. It is best to choose $w = 3$ for SIKEp503 when solving discrete logarithms in $\mu_{3^{e_3}}$, and $w = 2$ for other parameter sets.

5.2 Storage Requirement

We compute the required storage for both methods in different settings, and report in Table 3.

Note that in the previous work, the computational cost would be less when precomputing the lookup table with larger w . On the contrary, when using our first method (computing the entire lookup table), the requirements for computational resources and storage may increase as the base power w grows, because we need to construct the entire lookup table.

In the situation when w is equal to 1, the storage that the second method requires is as large as the first method consumes since the lookup table has only one column. However, the gap will be widened as w becomes larger. For example, for discrete logarithm computation in $\mu_{3^{e_3}}$ when setting $w = 6$ and

Table 3: RAM requirements (in KiB) for the different parameters. The minimum when using the second method in the same row, i.e, in the same setting except the base power, are reported in bold.

		With Entire Lookup Table					
Setting		$w = 1$	$w = 2$	$w = 3$	$w = 4$	$w = 5$	$w = 6$
$\mu_{3^{e_3}}$	SIKEp434	14.98	29.75	63.98	148.75	357.33	875.88
	SIKEp503	19.88	39.50	86.13	195.00	468.88	1183.00
	SIKEp610	30.00	60.00	130.00	300.00	718.44	1820.00
	SIKEp751	44.81	89.25	192.56	442.50	1066.31	2661.75
$\mu_{2^{e_2}}$	SIKEp434	23.63	23.63	31.50	47.25	75.25	126.00
	SIKEp503	31.25	31.25	41.50	62.00	100.00	164.00
	SIKEp610	47.66	47.50	63.13	95.00	152.50	250.00
	SIKEp751	69.75	69.75	93.00	139.50	222.00	372.00
		Without Entire Lookup Table					
Setting		$w = 1$	$w = 2$	$w = 3$	$w = 4$	$w = 5$	$w = 6$
$\mu_{3^{e_3}}$	SIKEp434	14.98	7.77	6.23	7.98	16.08	42.11
	SIKEp503	19.88	10.25	8.13	9.75	18.88	48.63
	SIKEp610	30.00	15.47	11.88	13.59	24.69	61.72
	SIKEp751	44.81	22.87	17.06	18.38	31.31	75.38
$\mu_{2^{e_2}}$	SIKEp434	23.63	11.92	8.20	6.67	6.34	7.33
	SIKEp503	31.25	15.75	10.75	8.63	8.13	9.00
	SIKEp610	47.66	23.91	16.25	12.97	11.88	12.65
	SIKEp751	69.75	35.06	23.81	18.75	16.69	17.44

$p = \text{SIKEp751}$, the ratio of the storage requirements of the first method to that of the latter is about 35.31. The relation between storage requirements and computational cost is more complicated when we only compute the first column and the last row of the lookup table. It is not optimal for efficiency when choosing the base power w to minimize the storage in general, and vice versa.

5.3 Implementation Results and Comparisons

Based on the Microsoft SIDH library¹ (version 3.5.1), we compiled our code by using a 12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-12900K 3.20 GHz on 64-bit Linux.

It should be noted that public-key compression (except the dual isogeny computation) does not relate to secret information. For efficiency, the implementation is not in constant time. For example, there exist inversions during the y -coordinate recovery in torsion basis generation and final exponentiations in pairing computation. One can use the binary GCD algorithm to save the cost. Furthermore, discrete logarithm computation contains many non-constant time algorithms, so does our methods. We execute 10^4 times and record the average cost of public-key compression.

¹ <https://github.com/Microsoft/PQCrypto-SIDH>

Table 4 shows the comparison of efficiency between the current SIDH [3] with our first method. We can see that the efficiency of our algorithms is close to that of the previous work. When solving discrete logarithms in $\mu_{2^{e_2}}$, our algorithms are more efficient than the previous work when we set SIKEp434 or SIKEp751 as parameters. In addition, when the base power w divides e_ℓ , our algorithms perform better because there is no need to compute three values in Equation (7) and execute three discrete logarithms.

Table 4: Public-key compression (except the dual isogeny computation) performance of the previous work and our **first method** (expressed in millions of clock cycles). In the last column we report the ratio of the cost of the previous work to ours. In the same situation, we emphasize the lower cost in bold.

	Setting	This work	$w e_\ell?$	SIDH v3.5.1 [3]	Ratio
$\mu_{3^{e_3}}$	SIKEp434	2.39	No	2.36	101.27%
	SIKEp503	3.63	Yes	3.61	100.55%
	SIKEp610	6.73	Yes	6.67	100.90%
	SIKEp751	11.09	No	10.97	101.09%
$\mu_{2^{e_2}}$	SIKEp434	1.86	Yes	1.90	97.89%
	SIKEp503	2.88	Yes	2.84	101.41%
	SIKEp610	5.25	Yes	5.18	101.35%
	SIKEp751	8.70	Yes	8.92	97.53%

On memory-constrained devices, our second method would be attractive for their small storage and practical performance. We set $w = 3$ and $w = 5$ for discrete logarithm computation in $\mu_{3^{e_3}}$ and $\mu_{2^{e_2}}$, respectively, to minimize the storage requirements. As shown in Table 5, although the efficiency of our algorithms is not as efficient as that of the previous work, it is still practical. Besides, we reduce the storage by a factor of about 3.77 to about 22.86. It seems that we save much more storage requirements when handling $\mu_{3^{e_3}}$. Indeed, in the current SIDH, the techniques presented in [11] are utilized to compute discrete logarithms in the group $\mu_{2^{e_2}}$, compressing the lookup table by a factor of 4, while some of them are not adapted in the case of $\mu_{3^{e_3}}$ for efficiency.

6 Conclusion

In this paper, we presented two methods to compute discrete logarithms in public-key compression of SIDH/SIKE with no pre-computed tables. We analyze cost estimates of both methods, and deduce the best choices of w in different situations. The first method to compute discrete logarithms in $\mu_{2^{e_2}}$ performed better in the situation when $w = 4$ exactly divides e_2 . The second method consumes much less storage compared with the state of the art. Although the second method is not as efficient as the first one, we still believe that it would be

Table 5: Public-key compression (except the dual isogeny computation) performance of the previous work and our **second method** (expressed in millions of clock cycles). Storage records the size of the lookup table (in KiB). In the last column we report the ratio of the cost of the previous work to ours.

Setting		This work		SIDH v3.5.1 [3]		Ratio	
		Timing	Storage	Timing	Storage	Timing	Storage
$\mu_{3^{e_3}}$	SIKEp434	2.61	6.23	2.36	130.81	110.59%	4.76%
	SIKEp503	3.84	8.13	3.61	86.13	106.37%	9.44%
	SIKEp610	7.07	11.88	6.67	130.00	106.00%	9.14%
	SIKEp751	12.25	17.06	10.97	390.00	111.67%	4.37%
$\mu_{2^{e_2}}$	SIKEp434	2.14	6.34	1.90	23.93	112.63%	26.49%
	SIKEp503	3.16	8.13	2.84	50.75	111.26%	16.02%
	SIKEp610	5.67	11.88	5.18	77.17	109.46%	15.39%
	SIKEp751	10.14	16.69	8.92	70.25	113.68%	23.76%

attractive in storage restrained environments. Note that Algorithm 6 is a non-recursive algorithm. Hence, it would be more efficient in parallel environments. We leave those further explorations for future research.

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A Computing Discrete Logarithms With Small Storage

The below non-recursive algorithm is utilized to compute discrete logarithms if we only store the elements in the first column and the last row of the lookup table.

Algorithm 8 PH_DLP($\ell, e_\ell, m, w, h, g, Str, T_1^{sgn}$)

Require: w : base power; h : challenge; Str : Optimal strategy; T_1^{sgn} : entire lookup table;

Ensure: D : Array such that $h = g^{(D[\lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1] \cdots D[1]D[0])_{\ell w}}$.

- 1: initialize a Stack $Stack$, which contains tuples of the form (h_t, e_t, l_t) , where $h_t \in \mu_{p+1}$, $e_t, l_t \in \mathbb{N}$.
- 2: $B' \leftarrow$ last row of the lookup table T_1^{sgn} , $i \leftarrow 0$, $j \leftarrow 0$, $k \leftarrow 0$, $m \leftarrow e_\ell \bmod w$, $h_t \leftarrow h$, $y \leftarrow 1$;
- 3: **for** i_1 from 0 to $m - 1$ **do**
- 4: $h_t \leftarrow (h_t)^\ell$;
- 5: **end for**
- 6: **Push** the tuple (h_t, j, k) into $Stack$;
- 7: **while** $k \neq \lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1$ **do**
- 8: **while** $j + k \neq \lfloor \frac{e_\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1$ **do**
- 9: $j \leftarrow j + Str[i]$;
- 10: **for** i_2 from 0 to $w \cdot Str[i] - 1$ **do**
- 11: $h_t \leftarrow (h_t)^\ell$;
- 12: **Push** the tuple $(h_t, j + k, Str[i])$ into $Stack$;
- 13: **end for**
- 14: $i \leftarrow i + 1$;
- 15: **end while**
- 16: **Pop** the top tuple (h_t, e_t, l_t) from $Stack$;
- 17: $(x_t, sgn_t) \leftarrow$ **small_DLP**(ℓ, w, h_t, B');
- 18: **if** $sgn_t = 1$ **then**
- 19: $D[k] \leftarrow x_t$;
- 20: **else**
- 21: $D[k] \leftarrow -x_t$;
- 22: **end if**
- 23: **for each** tuple (h_t, e_t, l_t) in $Stack$ **do**
- 24: **if** $x_t \neq 0$ **then**

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25:      $t \leftarrow \text{fast\_power}(e_t, x_t, \text{sgn}_t, A), h_t \leftarrow h_t \cdot t;$ 
26:   end if
27: end for
28:    $j \leftarrow j - l_t, k \leftarrow k + 1;$ 
29: end while
30: Pop the top tuple  $(h_t, e_t, l_t)$  from Stack;
31:  $(x_t, \text{sgn}_t) \leftarrow \text{small\_DLP}(\ell, w, h_t, B');$ 
32: if  $\text{sgn}_t = 1$  then
33:    $D[k] \leftarrow x_t;$ 
34: else
35:    $D[k] \leftarrow -x_t;$ 
36: end if
37: if  $m \neq 0$  then
38:    $y_0 \leftarrow g^{D[0]};$ 
39:   for  $i_2$  from 1 to  $\lfloor \frac{e\ell}{w} \rfloor - 1$  do
40:      $t \leftarrow \text{fast\_power}(i_2 - 1, D[i], \text{sgn}_t, A), y \leftarrow y \cdot t;$ 
41:   end for
42:   for  $i_3$  from 0 to  $w - m - 1$  do
43:      $y \leftarrow y^\ell;$ 
44:   end for
45:    $y \leftarrow \overline{y_0} \cdot y, y \leftarrow h \cdot y;$ 
46:    $(x_t, \text{sgn}_t) \leftarrow \text{small\_DLP}(\ell, w, y, B');$ 
47:   if  $\text{sgn}_t = 1$  then
48:      $D[k + 1] \leftarrow \frac{x_t + 1}{\ell^{w - m}};$ 
49:   else
50:      $D[k + 1] \leftarrow -\frac{x_t + 1}{\ell^{w - m}};$ 
51:   end if
52: end if
53: return  $D.$ 

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