ASPECTS OF HYPERELLIPTIC CURVES OVER LARGE PRIME FIELDS IN SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATIONS

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Abstract

This paper presents an implementation of genus 2 and 3 hyperelliptic curves over prime fields, with a comparison with elliptic curves. To allow a fair comparison, we developed an ad-hoc arithmetic library, designed to remove most of the overheads that penalise implementations of curve-based cryptography over prime fields. These overheads get worse for smaller fields, and thus for large genera. We also use techniques such as lazy and incomplete modular reduction, originally developed for performing arithmetic in field extensions, to reduce the number of modular reductions occurring in the formulae for the group operations.

The result is that the performance of hyperelliptic curves of genus 2 over prime fields is much closer to the performance of elliptic curves than previously thought. For groups of 192 and 256 bits the difference is about 22% and 15% respectively.

1 Introduction

Background

In 1988 Koblitz [22] proposed to use the Jacobian varieties of hyperelliptic curves (HEC) as an alternative to elliptic curves (EC) for constructing cryptographic systems (short: cryptosystems) based on the *discrete logarithm problem* (DLP): *Given a cyclic group* G of order n, a generator D of G, and $E \in G$, determine an integer k such that $E = kD = D + D + \cdots + D$ (k summands).

Elliptic curve cryptosystems (ECC) require a much shorter key than RSA or systems based on the DLP in finite fields. A 160-bit ECC key offers security equivalent to that of a 1024 bit RSA key [34]. This is due to the following facts: (i) The best known algorithms for solving the DLP in

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EC have complexity exponential in the logarithm of the group order [47, 44] – more precisely this complexity is $O(\sqrt{n})$; (ii) the best methods for solving the DLP in finite fields [10, 15, 1] or for factoring integers [32, 33] are sub-exponential. Since solving the DLP on HEC of genus smaller than 4 has complexity $O(\sqrt{n})$, these curves offer the same security level as EC for the same key size. Curves of high genus are insecure [2, 6], and curves of smaller genus, but greater than 3, are also weaker than EC [58].

A vast amount of research has been devoted to cryptographic applications of EC, but the cryptographic potential of HEC has not been investigated as thoroughly. In 1999, Smart [55] concluded that HEC seemed not viable, because of the greater difficulty of finding suitable curves and their poor performance with respect to EC. In the following years the landscape changed significantly.

Firstly, it is now possible to construct efficiently genus 2 and 3 HEC over prime fields. One technique is the complex multiplication method: The genus 2 case is handled by Mestre in [39], see [61] for a partial extension to genus 3. For small characteristic Satoh [51] proposed a fast point counting algorithm, later extended and generalized by many, including Satoh, Skjernaa and Taguchi [52], Vercauteren [60, 59], Gaudry, Harley and Fouquet [11], Mestre [40], Kedlaya [21], Lauder and Wan [31], and Gerkmann [13].

Secondly, the performance of the HEC group operations has been considerably improved. The first explicit formulae for genus 2 [17, 41, 57] have been followed by Lange's extensive work [26, 27, 28, 29]. For genus 3 there are formulae by Pelzl [45] (see also [46]), improving on [25].

HEC are attractive for designers of embedded hardware because they need smaller fields than EC for attaining the same security level. The order of the Jacobian of a HEC of genus g over a field with q elements is $\approx q^g$. This means that a 160-bit group is given by an EC with $q \approx 2^{160}$, by an HEC of genus 2, resp. 3 with $q \approx 2^{80}$, resp. $q \approx 2^{53}$.

Recently, there has been also research on securing implementations of HEC-based cryptosystems on embedded devices against differential power analysis [3].

Results

Because of the above security considerations, we focused our efforts to make a thorough, fair and unbiased comparison of the relative performance merits of *generic* EC and HEC of small genus 2 or 3 over *prime fields*. We consider the different coordinate systems available for those curves. We are *not* interested in comparing against *very special* classes of curves or in the use of prime moduli of special form (such as $p = 2^{192} - 2^{64} - 1$).

There have been several software implementations of HEC on personal computers and workstations. Most of those are in even characteristic [50, 49, 25, 45, 46, 62], some are over prime fields [24, 49, 26], and a few ones over optimal extension fields (OEF) [41, 37]. It is now known that in *even characteristic*, HEC can offer performance comparable to EC. Until now there have been no concrete results showing the same for prime fields.

Traditional implementations such as [24, 26] are based on general purpose software libraries like gmp [16], NTL [54], or similarly designed packages. They all introduce fixed overheads for each procedure call and in all loops, which are usually negligible for very large operands, but become

the dominant part of the computations for small operands, such as those occurring in curve cryptography. The smaller the field becomes, the higher will be the time wasted in the overheads, and HEC implementations usually suffer from a much bigger performance hit than EC. Furthermore, gmp has no native support for fast modular reduction techniques such as Montgomery's [42].

In our ad-hoc prime field arithmetic library nuMONGO [4] we made every effort to avoid such overheads. A description is given in Subsection 3.1. The current version is designed mainly for 32-bit CPUs and is fairly portable. All loops are completely unrolled, inlining is used extensively, and there are almost no conditional branches. As a result we get a boost of a factor 2 to 5 over gmp for operations in fields of cryptographic relevance (see Table 2 and also Tables 7 and 8). We also see the overheads are often the *dominant* part of the running-time in traditional implementations. The larger speed-up is achieved in the smaller fields, such as those used for HEC.

We exploit two techniques, called *lazy and incomplete modular reduction* (see [5]), to reduce the number of modular reductions occurring in the formulae for the group operations.

Our implementation has been tested on a PC with a 1 Ghz AMD Athlon Model 4 processor.

We thus show that the performance of genus 2 HEC over prime fields is much closer to the performance of EC than previously thought. For 192 bit, resp. 256 bit curves the difference is approximately 22%, resp. 15%. The gap with genus 3 curves has been reduced too. For very large groups the performances of genus 2 and genus 3 curves get close. More precise results are stated in Section 4.

While the only significant constraint in workstations and commodity PCs may be processing power, the results of our work should also be applicable to other more constrained environments, such as Palm platforms, which are also based on general-purpose processors.

The structure of the paper is the following. In the next section we review the arithmetic on EC and HEC and all coordinate systems currently available for generic curves. The implementation is documented in Section 3. We conclude in Section 4, where experimental results are given, including timings for EC and HEC both with gmp and with our library.

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2 Arithmetic

We use the following abbreviations. w is the bit length of the characteristic of the prime field. M, S and I denote a multiplication, a squaring and an inversion respectively. m denotes a multiplication of two w bit integers with a 2w bit result. R denotes a modular (or Montgomery) reduction of a 2w bit integer with a w bit result.

2.1 Elliptic Curves

We follow here [9]. An elliptic curve E defined over a field F of characteristic zero or greater than 3 can be given by an equation in Weierstrass form

$$E : Y^2 Z = X^3 + a_4 X Z^2 + a_6 Z^3 \tag{1}$$

with $4a_4^2 + 27a_6^2 \neq 0$. The last condition is equivalent to requiring that the polynomial $x^3 + a_4x + a_6$ has no multiple roots. The set of points of an elliptic curve over (any extension of) the field F forms a group. The triples (X : Y : Z) satisfying (1) represent the points in projective space. We can normalize the points by dividing through the Z-coordinate $(X : Y : Z) \mapsto (x, y) := (X/Z, Y/Z)$, and by introducing the special symbol \mathcal{O} for the point (0 : 1 : 0). The group law on these affine points is depicted in Figure 1. This rule is easily transformed into an explicit formula which manipulates the coordinates. To double a point, we take the tangent line.

Affine coordinates (A). Let $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$, $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ and $P_3 = (x_3, y_3)$. Then

$$x_3 = \lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2, \ y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$$

where $\lambda = (y_1 - y_2)/(x_1 - x_2)$. For doubling set $\lambda = (3x_1^2 + a_4)/(2y_1)$. Thus an addition and a doubling require respectively I + 2M + S and I + 2M + 2S.

Projective coordinates (P). The coordinates are (X : Y : Z) and the equation is (1). Let $P_1 = (X_1 : Y_1 : Z_1)$, $P_2 = (X_2 : Y_2 : Z_2)$ and $P_3 = (X_3 : Y_3 : Z_3)$. The addition is

$$X_3 = vA, Y_3 = u(v^2 X_1 Z_2 - A) - v^3 Y_1 Z_2, Z_3 = v^3 Z_1 Z_2$$

where $u = Y_2 Z_1 - Y_1 Z_2$, $v = X_2 Z_1 - X_1 Z_2$, and $A = u^2 Z_1 Z_2 - v^3 - 2v^2 X_1 Z_2$. The doubling is

$$X_3 = 2hs, Y_3 = w(4B - h) - 8Y_1^2 s^2, Z_3 = 8s^3$$

where $w = a_4 Z_1^2 + 3X_1^2$, $s = Y_1 Z_1$, $B = X_1 Y_1 s$ and, $h = w^2 - 8B$. No inversions are needed and the operation counts are 12M + 2S and 7M + 5S respectively.

Jacobian and Chudnovsky Jacobian coordinates (\mathcal{J} and \mathcal{J}^c). In *Jacobian coordinates* the equation of E is

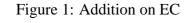
$$E: Y^2 = X^3 + a_4 X Z^4 + a_6 Z^6$$

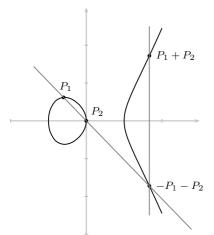
where $x = X/Z^2$ and $y = Y/Z^3$. Let (X_i, Y_i, Z_i) be the coordinates of the point P_i . The addition $P_3 = P_1 + P_2$ is given by

$$X_3 = -H^3 - 2U_1H^2 + r^2, \ Y_3 = -S_1H^3 + r(U_1H^2 - X_3), \ Z_3 = Z_1Z_2H$$

where $U_1 = X_1 Z_2^2$, $U_2 = X_2 Z_1^2$, $S_1 = Y_1 Z_2^3$, $S_2 = Y_2 Z_1^3$, $H = U_2 - U_1$ and $r = S_2 - S_1$. The doubling is given by

$$X_3 = T, Y_3 = -8Y_1^4 + M(S - T), Z_3 = 2Y_1Z_1$$
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where $S = 4X_1Y_1^2$, $M = 3X_1^2 + a_4Z_1^4$ and $T = -2S + M^2$. The operation counts are 12M + 4S and 4M + 6S.

For a point P_i , the quintuple $(X_i, Y_i, Z_i, Z_i^2, Z_i^3)$ are the *Chudnovsky (Jacobian) coordinates*. The same formulae as for \mathcal{J} are used but we do not have to compute Z_1^2, Z_2^2, Z_1^3 and Z_2^3 . The operation counts become 11M + 3S and 5M + 6S.

Modified Jacobian coordinates (\mathcal{J}^m) . This set of coordinates was introduced by Cohen et al. [9]. It is based on \mathcal{J} but the internal representation of a point P is the quadruple (X, Y, Z, a_4Z^4) . The formulae are almost the same as for \mathcal{J} , the main difference being the introduction of $U = 8Y_1^4$ so that $Y_3 = M(S - T) - U$ and $a_4Z_3^4 = 2U(a_4Z_1^4)$. An addition takes 13M + 6S and a squaring 4M + 4S. As I takes on average between 9 and 40M and S is about 0.5M to 0.8M, this system provides in practice the fastest doubling.

Mixed Coordinate Systems. Different coordinate systems can be used together to perform scalar multiplications. It is always advantageous to keep the base point and all precomputed points in \mathcal{A} , since additions by those points will be less expensive. For the doublings one should choose the coordinate system which has the fastest doubling. More refined strategies are possible: see [9], where detailed operation counts for group operations with mixed coordinates are given. The same approach can be followed for genus 2 HEC (see Subsubsection 3.3.1 and Subsection 3.4).

2.2 Hyperelliptic Jacobians

An excellent, low brow, introduction to hyperelliptic curves, with proofs of the facts used below, is given in [38]. Our notation is slightly different, but conform to that of [26, 27, 28, 29, 46].

2.2.1 Equation and Divisor Representation

A hyperelliptic curve C of genus g over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q of characteristic $\neq 2$ is defined by a *Weierstrass equation*

$$\mathcal{C} : y^2 = f(x) \quad , \tag{2}$$

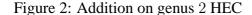
where f is a monic square-free polynomial of degree 2g + 1 in x. Let ∞ be the point at infinity on the curve. The points on a hyperelliptic curve in general do *not* form a group. Instead, the *divisor class group* of C is used: We briefly recall its main properties. The divisor class group is isomorphic to the variety called the *Jacobian* of C, which we do not define and study here.

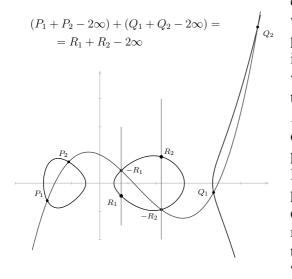
A *divisor* D is a formal sum of points on the curve, considered with multiplicities, or, in other words, any element of the free Abelian group $\mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{C}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_q})]$. Its *degree* is just the sum of those multiplicities, its *support* the set of points with nonzero multiplicity. We are interested in the divisors of degree zero given by sums

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} P_i - m\infty \quad : \quad P_i \in \mathcal{C} \smallsetminus \{\infty\} \quad . \tag{3}$$

The *degree* of the associated effective divisor is the integer m. The points P_i form the *finite support* of D. The *principal divisors* are the divisors of functions, i. e. those whose points are the poles and

zeros of a rational function on the curve, the multiplicity of each point being the order of the zero or minus the order of the pole at that point. The *divisor class group* is the quotient group of the degree zero divisors modulo the principal ones. In each divisor class there exists a unique element of the form (3) with (effective) degree $m \le g$.





To add two classes c_1 , c_2 we formally add the representing divisors D_1 , D_2 . This sum has in general degree > g, in which case it must be *reduced* to the equivalent divisor of effective degree $\leq q$. To do this, we consider a plane curve passing through the finite points of D_1 and D_2 , counted with their multiplicities -i. e. we determine a function f on the curve vanishing on the points on $D_1 + D_2$, with multiplicities taken into account, the only pole being at ∞ . Put D_3 the divisor whose (finite) support consists of the other points of intersection of the curve (with multiplicities). The class c_3 of D_3 satisfies $c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$. It suffices to replace each point in D_3 with its opposite (i.e. invert the y-coordinates) to get a divisor equivalent to $D_1 + D_2$, but with smaller degree. We might have to repeat this step more than once to get the reduced element. Figure 2 depicts this addition "geometrically" for a genus 2 curve.

Mumford [43] introduced a representation of the elements of the divisor class group as polynomial pairs, for which Cantor [7] provided an explicit arithmetic algorithm. Let $D = \sum_{i=1}^{m} P_i - m\infty$ be a divisor with $m \leq g$. The ideal class associated to D is represented by a unique pair of polynomials $U(x), V(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$ with $g \geq \deg U > \deg V$, U monic and such that: $U(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} (x - x_{P_i})$ (i.e. the roots of U(x) are the x-coordinates of the points belonging to the divisor); $V(x_{P_i}) = y_{P_i}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m$ (i.e. the polynomial V(t) interpolates those points); and U(x) divides $V(x)^2 - f(x)$. We say that the pair [U(x), V(x)] represents the *reduced divisor* D.

2.2.2 Composition Algorithms

Here we consider the group operations. We deal with curves of arbitrary genus. For explanations and proofs we refer the interested reader to [7]. The operation is split into two algorithms.

The first one *composes* two divisors, and the result is in *semi-reduced* form: the output is a divisor D = [U, V] where the condition $g \ge \deg_t U$ is not necessarily satisfied, but $\deg_t U > \deg_t V$. This corresponds to the addition two divisors in the geometric way.

Algorithm 1: Divisor Composition

Input: $D_1 = [U_1, V_1], D_2 = [U_2, V_2],$ Output: D = [u, v] semi-reduced with $D \equiv D_1 + D_2.$ **1.** compute d_1, e_1, e_2 : $d_1 = \gcd(U_1, U_2) = e_1U_1 + e_2U_2;$ **2.** compute d, c_1, c_2 : $d = \gcd(d_1, V_1 + V_2) = c_1d_1 + c_2(V_1 + V_2);$ **3.** $s_1 \leftarrow c_1e_1, s_2 \leftarrow c_1e_2, s_3 \leftarrow c_2;$ [i.e. $d = s_1U_1 + s_2U_2 + s_3(V_1 + V_2)$] **4.** $u \leftarrow (U_1U_2)/(d^2);$ $v \leftarrow (s_1U_1V_2 + s_2U_2V_1 + s_3(V_1V_2 + f))/d \mod U.$

The second algorithm, called reduction, computes the Mumford representation of the unique representant of effective degree at most g in the divisor class of the input.

Algorithm 2: Divisor Reduction

Input: D = [U, V] semi-reduced. Output: D' = [U', V'] reduced with $D \equiv D'$.

1. $U' \leftarrow (f - V^2)/U$, $V' \leftarrow -V \mod U'$; 2. if $\deg U' > g$ then put $U \leftarrow U', V \leftarrow V'$; goto 1; 3. make U' monic.

2.2.3 Coordinate Systems

2.2.3.1 The general case

Let a reduced divisor D of a genus g curve be represented by two polynomials $U(x), V(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$ with $g \ge \deg U > \deg V$, and U monic. Write, in the most common case, $U(x) = x^g + \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} U_i x^i$ and $V(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} V_i x^i$. Then the *affine coordinates* of D are the 2g-tuple $[U_{g-1}, \ldots, U_1, U_0, V_{g-1}, \ldots, V_1, V_0]$. For genus 3 this is the only coordinate system available.

2.2.3.2 Genus 2

For genus 2 there are two more coordinate systems besides affine (A).

Miyamoto, Doi, Matsuo, Chao, and Tsuji [41] introduced projective coordinates (\mathcal{P}): a quintuple $[U_1, U_0, V_1, V_0, Z]$ corresponds to the divisor class represented by $[t^2 + U_1/Z t + U_0/Z, V_1/Z t + V_0/Z]$. Lange improved the operation counts of [41] and extended the work to even characteristic. To convert to the system \mathcal{A} we need one inversion and four multiplications.

Lange's *new* coordinates [28] (\mathcal{N}) are a weighted system, in the spirit of elliptic Jacobian coordinates: The sextuple $[U_1, U_0, V_1, V_0, Z_1, Z_2]$ corresponds to the divisor class $[t^2 + U_1/Z_1^2 t +$ $U_0/Z_1^2, V_1/Z_1^3Z_2t + V_0/Z_1^3Z_2$]. The system \mathcal{N} provides the fastest doubling, and is therefore important in scalar multiplications, where the doublings are the most common operation.

The operation counts for the different operations are given in Table 1, courtesy of Lange. We do not list the group operations here. Full detrails are given in [29].

Dou	ubling	Addition					
operation	costs	operation	costs	operation	costs		
$2\mathcal{N}=\mathcal{P}$	7S, 38M	$\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{P}$	7S, 51M	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{P}$	5S, 41M		
$2\mathcal{P}=\mathcal{P}$	6S, 38M	$\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}$	4S, 51M	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}$	3S, 40M		
$2\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}$	7S, 34M	$\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}$	7S, 47M	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}$	5S, 36M		
$2\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{N}$	6S, 34M	$\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{N}$	5S, 45M	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{N}$	3S, 35M		
$2\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}$	5S, 25M	$\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}$	5S, 45M	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{N}$	3S, 25M		
$2\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{N}$	5S, 21M	$\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{N}$	5S, 41M				
$2\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$	1I, 5S, 22M	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$	1I, 3S, 22M				

Table 1: Addition and Doubling in Different Systems, genus 2

3 Implementation

3.1 Prime Field Library

We already mentioned in the Introduction that standard software libraries for performing arithmetic computations introduce several types of overheads. One is the fixed function call overhead. Other ones come from the fact they process operands of variable length in loops: They are usually negligible for very large operands, since the conditional branches in the loops in the code are most of the time taken for free. In fact, the branch prediction unit of the CPU will almost always guess the right branch, and the only misprediction shall occur when exiting the loop, i.e. the only time the branch is not takes. For operands of size relevant for curve cryptography the CPU will spend more time performing jumps and paying big penalties because of branch mispredictions than doing arithmetic. Thus, The smaller the field becomes, the higher will be the time wasted in the overheads. Because of the larger number of field operations in smaller fields, HEC suffer from a much larger performance hit than EC.

Our software library nuMONGO was designed to allow efficient reference implementations of EC and HEC over prime fields. It actually implements arithmetic operations in rings $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ with N odd, where the elements are stored in Montgomery's representation [42], and the reduction algorithm is Montgomery's REDC. It is written in the programming language C++ in order to take advantage of inline functions, operator and function overloading, but it contains no classes. All data structures are as simple and spartan as possible. The routines aim at the atomicity of assembler operations, and in this sense this is a *RISC-like* software library: The least possible number of routines are implemented which still allow to perform all desired field operations, and are heavily optimized.

All operations are built from elementary operations working on single words. These elementary operations are available as C macros and as assembler macros for Intel and AMD x86 processors (support for more CPUs is planned). They assume a CPU able to work on 32-bit operands and not a 32-bit CPU – the library in fact worked also on an Alpha. As mentioned in the introduction, we wanted to reduce as much as possible the overhead associated with each function call. Therefore, inlining was extensively to build all multi-precision routines from the above mentioned single word operations. There are almost no conditional branches, so that the CPU will seldom make very expensive branch mispredictions.

There are separate addition, subtraction, multiplication and modular inversion routines for all operand sizes, in steps of 32 bits from 32 to 256 bits, as well as for 48-bit fields (80 and 112-bit fields have been implemented too, but gave no speed advantage with respect to the 96 and 128-bit routines). All elements of $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ are stored in vectors of the same length of 32-bit words.

With the exception of 32-bit operands, inversion is based on the extended binary GCD, and uses an almost-inverse like algorithm [20, 53] with final multiplication from a table of precomputed, reduced, powers of 2. This is usually the fastest approach up to about 192 bits. For 32-bit operands better performance is attained with an implementation of the extended Euclidean algorithm with separate consideration of small quotients. Inversion was not further sped up for larger input sizes because of the intended usage of the library. In the case of elliptic curves, inversion-free coordinate systems are much faster than affine coordinates, so there is need, basically, only for one inversion at the end of a scalar multiplication. In the case of hyperelliptic curves or trace-zero varieties [12, 30], fields are quite small (32 to 128 bits in most cases) in which case our inversion routines have optimal performance anyway. Hence, Lehmer's method or the recent improvements by Jebelean [18, 19] or Lercier [35] have not been included.

Lib	/Op/Bits	32	48	64	96	128	160	192	224	256
	Mul	0.0071	0.0223	0.0386	0.054	0.098	0.153	0.23	0.302	0.409
8	REDC	0.0267	0.0573	0.0618	0.092	0.153	0.214	0.306	0.382	0.489
nuMONGO	Inv	0.63	1.75	1.95	4.89	8.2	12.3	17.8	25.1	31.8
lun	REDC Mul	3.761	2.569	1.601	1.704	1.561	1.399	1.33	1.265	1.196
	Inv Mul+REDC	18.64	21.98	19.42	33.56	32.67	33.51	33.21	36.69	35.77
ck)	Mul	0.094	0.155	0.16	0.206	0.238	0.308	0.354	0.44	0.508
(stock)	Red	0.234	0.419	0.423	0.65	0.81	0.986	1.154	1.264	1.528
4.1	Inv	2.53	4.74	6.41	9.77	13.3	17.2	21.26	25.84	29.6
>.	Red Mul	2.489	2.703	2.644	3.155	3.403	3.201	3.26	2.873	3.008
gmp	Inv Mul+Red	7.713	8.258	10.99	11.41	12.69	13.29	14.1	15.16	14.54
q	Mul	0.106	0.287	0.315	0.501	0.728	1.02	1.404	1.832	2.268
gmp simplified	Red	0.247	0.411	0.46	0.682	0.934	1.266	1.742	2.196	2.664
	Inv	3.15	5.65	7.57	12.3	17.72	23.12	29.08	36.2	42.64
	Red Mul	2.33	1.432	1.46	1.361	1.283	1.241	1.241	1.199	1.175
කි	Inv Mul+Red	8.923	8.129	9.768	10.39	10.66	10.11	9.243	8.987	8.646

Table 2: Timings of basic operations in μ sec (1 Ghz AMD Athlon PC) and ratios

In Table 2 we show some timings of basic operations with gmp version 4.1 and nuMONGO. The timings have been taken on a PC with a 1 Ghz AMD Athlon Model 4 processor, as all other timings in this paper, under the Linux operating system (kernel version 2.4.18). The compiler used

was gcc 2.95.3. We now describe the meaning of the table entries.

There are three groups of five rows, grouped account to the library used to benchmark the following operations: multiplication of two integers (Mul), modular or Montgomery reduction (Rec or REDC), modular or Montgomery inversion (Inv). Also the ratios of a reduction to a multiplication ($\frac{\text{REDC}}{\text{Mul}}$) and of an inversion to the time of a multiplication together with a reduction ($\frac{\text{Inv}}{\text{Mul}+\text{REDC}}$) and $\frac{\text{Inv}}{\text{Mul}+\text{Red}}$) are given: The first ratio tells how many "multiplications" we save each time we save a reduction thanks to the techniques described in the next subsection; the second ratio is the cost of a field inversion in multiplications. The columns correspond to the bit lengths of the operands.

Note that gmp is very heavily optimized in assembler for the considered architecture, whereas the inner loops of nuMONGO are far less optimized. The timings corresponding to this stock, highly optimized version of gmp are given in the group labeled gmp version 4.1 (stock). It is possible to recompile gmp using only C with some assembler macros, i.e. the same type of approach used for nuMONGO, losing thus performance: This fact has been observed also in [5] in a slightly different contexts. The corresponding timings are given in the group labeled gmp *simplified*.

A few remarks:

- (1) nuMONGO can perform better than a far more optimized, but general purpose library.
- (2) The disparity with a general purpose library compiled with the same optimization level as nuMONGO is considerable.
- (3) For larger operands gmp catches up with nuMONGO, the modular reduction remaining slower because it is not based on Montgomery's algorithm.
- (4) nuMONGO has the highest ratio of a field inversion to a field multiplication. This shows how big the overheads in general purpose libraries are for such small inputs. In particular, such ratios are quite close to those in hardware implementation of field arithmetic.

3.2 Lazy and Incomplete reduction

Lazy and incomplete modular reduction are described in [5]. We give here a short treatment. Let p be a prime number smaller than 2^w , where w is a fixed integer. We consider the evaluation of expressions of the form $\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} a_i b_i \mod p$ given a_i and b_i with $0 \le a_i, b_i < p$. Such expressions occur in polynomial multiplication, and therefore in the explicit formulae for HEC.

To use most modular reduction algorithms or Montgomery's reduction procedure [42] at the *end* of the summation, we have make sure that all partial sums of $\sum a_i b_i$ are smaller than $p 2^w$. Some authors (see for example [36]) suggested to use *small* primes, to guarantee that the condition $\sum a_i b_i is always satisfied in a given situation. Doing this would however contradict the main design principle of nuMONGO, which is not to have any restriction on <math>p$ except that it must fit in the available number of machine words allocated for it.

What we do instead, is to ensure that the number obtained by removing the least significant w bits of any intermediate result remains < p. We do this by adding the products a_i, b_i in succession, and checking if there has been an overflow or if the most significant half of the intermediate sum is $\geq p$: if so we subtract $p 2^w$. The last subtraction is in practice performed as follows: since the internal representation of the intermediate result can be seen as $x 2^w + y$, with $y \le 2^w$ but $x \ge p$, we just subtract p from x. This requires as many operations as allowing intermediate results in triple precision, but either less memory accesses are needed, or less registers have to be allocated: In practice this leads to a faster approach, and at the end we have to reduce a number bounded by $p 2^w$, making the modular reduction easier (or, in Montgomery's case, possible at all).

Algorithm 3: Incomplete reduction

We implemented some APIs in nuMONGO for supporting Lazy (i.e. delayed) and Incomplete (i.e. limited to the most significant half of the considered operands) modular reduction. They can also be used in the implementation of the arithmetic of extension fields.

A straightforward implementation of complex expressions, such as the formulae for elliptic and hyperelliptic curves, would simply replace any arithmetic operation by a sequence of operands between data in registers, as in the following example. Suppose that we want to compute ab + cd, and that the registers a, b, c, d contain the values of a, b, c and d respectively. We have operators Add, Sub, Mul which take 3 operands: the third input is added, subtracted, respectively multiplied to/from/by the second one, and the the result is put in the variable indicated by the first parameter.

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Mul(a, a,b); Mul(c, c,d); Add(a, a,c);
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The original contents of the registers a and c are overwritten, the result is found in a.

There is a faster way of implementing the above computation. Allocate two registers L and M of size double than that of a, i.e. capable of containing integers up to $2^{2w} - 1$. We call such registers wide. Registers capable of containing only integers up to $2^w - 1$ are called *short*.

In nuMONGO there are routines for implementing incomplete reduction, namely AddDbl and SubDbl for adding wide registers while keeping the result smaller than $p 2^w$, then MulNoREDC(L, a,b) for multiplying a and b without adopting Montgomery's reduction to the product (that is, MulNoREDC just computes a product of integers), and finally REDC(r, L) for putting in the short register r the reduction of the content of the wide register L.

Note that a Mul is either implemented as a MulNoREDC followed by a REDC, or by a routine of the same complexity (except perhaps on some special hardware where interleaving the two operations is faster, which is not the case for software implementations).

The above example computation will then be implemented as

MulNoREDC(L, a,b); MulNoREDC(M, c,d); AddDbl(L, L,M); REDC(a,L);

The gain is clear, as we need only one modular reduction instead of two. A modular reduction is at least as expensive as a multiplication, and often much more, see Table 2 on page 9. The overhead introduced by the wide addition in place of the short one is negligible in practice.

Remark 3.1. We cannot add a reduced element to a unreduced element in Montgomery's representation. This is due to the fact that Montgomery's representation \hat{a} of the integer $a \in [0 ... p - 1]$ is $aR \mod p$, where R is a power of 2 larger than p. Hence, $\hat{a}\hat{b}$ is congruent to abR^2 modulo p, not to \hat{ab} : Adding a number in Montgomery's representation to $\hat{a}\hat{b}$ would result in garbage.

For most small values of w all above operations are inlined, so the code size of the second implementation will be actually *smaller* than in the first implementation, because of the reduced number of modular reductions. This makes it even more likely that whole group operations will fit entirely in the CPU's level 1 cache. For large w ($w \le 192$) the operators Add, Sub, Mul, etc. are *never* inlined to keep the code of the whole group operations in the level 1 cache of the target CPU.

3.3 Implementation of the Explicit Formulae

To derive explicit formulae, one starts with Cantor's algorithm and "unrolls" the steps in order. First, one must consider which cases can occur, which depend on the degrees of the input divisors and, in the case of the addition, whether the supports of the two divisors to be added contain points with the same x-coordinates. The cases that occur almost always (with probability $1 - O(p^{-1})$) are those when the divisors have maximal degree g and the points in the supports all have different xcoordinates. The other cases can be then clearly handled, e.g. by Cantor's algorithm without loss of performance. The techniques used to turn the addition and doubling algorithms into a procedural list of operations are: Use of the resultant in the inversion of polynomials, and computation of the resultant using Bezout's matrix; Montgomery's trick for computing several inverses with a single inversion; using short convolutions for polynomial multiplications, and computation only of the coefficients which are really used; recovering the second polynomial of the result using one step of Newton iteration or the Chinese Remaindering Theorem; and reorganization of normalization of polynomials [57]. The usage of these tricks is detailed in [26, 45, 29].

In the next subsubsections we analyse the extent of applicability of lazy and incomplete reduction in the formulae for the types of curves we consider.

3.3.1 Genus 2

We now see in a real world case – namely a particular genus 2 formula – how wide operations are used in practice. Table 3 on the facing page is derived from results in [26], but restricted to the odd characteristic case. Also, we do not distinguish between squarings and multiplications. The detailed breakdown of the reductions saved due to the use of wide operands follows:

1. In Step 1 we can clearly save one REDC to compute r, since we do not need the reduced value of $z_2 z_3$ and $z_1^2 u_{10}$ elsewhere.

Inpu	t: $[u_1, v_1], [u_2, v_2],$ with deg $u_1 = \deg u_2 = 2$, and $f = x^5 + f_3 x^3 + f_2 x^2$	$+f_1x + f_0$
Outp	ut: $[u_3, v_3] = [u_1, v_1] + [u_2, v_2]$	
Nota	tion: $u_i = x^2 + u_{i1}x + u_{i0}$ and $v_i = v_{i1}x + v_{i0}$	
Step	Expression	Cost
1	compute resultant r of u_1, u_2 :	4M
	$\overline{z_1 = u_{11} - u_{21}, z_2 = u_{20} - u_{10}, z_3 = u_{11}z_1 + z_2};$	
	$r = z_2 z_3 + z_1^2 u_{10};$	
2	compute almost inverse of u_2 modulo u_1 ($i = i_1x + i_0 = r/u_2 \mod u_1$):	-
	$i_1 = z_1, i_0 = z_3;$	
3	compute $s' = rs \equiv (v_1 - v_2)i \mod u_1$:	5M
	$\overline{w_0 = v_{10} - v_{20}}, w_1 = v_{11} - v_{21}, w_2 = i_0 w_0, w_3 = i_1 w_1;$	
	$s'_1 = (i_0 + i_1)(w_0 + w_1) - w_2 - w_3(1 + u_{11}), s'_0 = w_2 - u_{10}w_3;$	
	If $s_1 = 0$ handle exceptional case (e.g. with Cantor's algorithm)	
4	compute $s'' = x + s_0/s_1 = x + s'_0/s'_1$ and s_1 :	I, 7M
	$w_1 = (rs'_1)^{-1} (= 1/r^2s_1), w_2 = rw_1 (= 1/s'_1), w_3 = s'_1^2w_1 (= s_1);$	
	$w_4 = rw_2(=1/s_1), w_5 = w_4^2;$	
	$s_0'' = s_0' w_2;$	
5	compute $l' = s''u_2 = x^3 + l'_2 x^2 + l'_1 x + l'_0$:	2M
	$l'_2 = u_{21} + s''_0, l'_1 = u_{21}s''_0 + u_{20}, l'_0 = u_{20}s''_0$	
6	compute $u_3 = (s(l+2v_2) - k)/u_1$:	3M
	$\overline{u_{30} = (s_0'' - u_{11})(s_0'' - z_1) - u_{10}} + l_1' + (2v_{21})w_4 + (2u_{21} + z_1)w_5;$	
	$u_{31} = 2s_0'' - z_1 - w_5;$	
7	compute $v_3 \equiv -(l+v_2) \mod u_3$:	4M
	$w_1 = l'_2 - u_{31}, w_2 = u_{31}w_1 + u_{30} - l'_1, v_{31} = w_2w_3 - v_{21};$	
_	$w_2 = u_{30}w_1 - l_0', v_{30} = w_2w_3 - v_{20};$	
total		I, 25M

Table 3: Addition, $\deg u_1 = \deg u_2 = 2$

- 2. In Step 3 we do not reduce $w_2 = i_0 w_0$. It is used in the computation of s'_1 and s'_0 , which are just sums of products of two elements. So only 3 REDCs are required to implement Step 3: for w_3 and for the final results of s'_1 and s'_0 . This is a saving of 2 REDCs.
- 3. In Step 5, it would be desirable to leave the coefficients l'_1 and l'_0 of l' unreduced, since they are used in the following two Steps only in additions with other products of two elements, and we see the opportunity of saving some REDCs there. But $l'_1 = u_{21}s''_0 + u_{20}$ is a problem: we cannot add reduced and unreduced quantities (see Remark 3.1). We circumvent this by computing the wide products $L_1 = u_{21}s_0''$ and $L_0 = u_{20}s_0''$.
- 4. In Step 6, we have $u'_0 = (s''_0 u_{11})(s''_0 z_1) + L_1 + 2v_{21}w_4 + (2u_{21} + z_1)w_5 + z_2$. To add together the first four products, of those L_1 having already been computed, we need only one REDC (so we save already 3). Then, we add z_2 .
- 5. Step 7: only one further saved REDC (the apparent additional ones come from L_1 and L_0).

Summarizing, to implement the most common case addition for genus 2 curves in affine coordinates, we need 12 Muls, 13 MulNoREDCs and 6 REDCs. We save thus 7 REDCs.

We implemented addition and doubling in all coordinate systems. In order to speed-up scalar multiplication, we also implemented addition in the cases where one of the two points to be added is given in \mathcal{A} and the other one in \mathcal{P} or \mathcal{N} , with result in \mathcal{P} or \mathcal{N} respectively.

In Table 4 we show the operation counts of the operations implemented, by counting multiplications and squarings together, but separating the number of REDCs.

Do	oubling	Addition						
operation	costs	operation	costs					
	Genus 2							
$2\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$	1I, 27m, 22R	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$	1I, 25m, 18R					
$2\mathcal{P}=\mathcal{P}$	44m, 38R	$\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}$	51m, 42R					
		$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}$	43m, 33R					
$2\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}$	41m, 37R	$\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}$	54m, 50R					
		$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}$	41m, 37R					
Genus 3								
$2\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$	1I, 71m, 57R	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$	1I, 76m, 55R					

Table 4: Costs of Group Operations

There, m stands for a multiplication (or a squaring) *without* reduction, and R for a reduction. The table contains also the counts for the genus 3 case, which we will discuss in the next Paragraph. One sees at once that the number of modular reductions is always significantly smaller than the total number of multiplications.

3.3.2 Genus 3

For the genus three case our starting point are the explicit formulae for the genus 3 affine coordinates developed by Pelzl in [45]. The formulae in [45] as well as those in [46] contain some errors in the most general case, if one wants to use them in odd characteristic. This has not been a problem in the reported implementation because it was in even characteristic only, for which the formulae have been verified to be correct. The author corrected these formulae together with Jan Pelzl. After the resulting formulae have been verified to work correctly – and have been already optimised using lazy reduction and wide operands – they have been compared again to those in [62], which are for general curves of the form $y^2 + h(x)y = f(x)$, and are implemented only in even characteristic with h(x) = 1. In Table 5 on the facing page and Table 6 on page 16 we report the correct formulae for addition and doubling in the genus 3 in odd characteristic and on curves of equation $y^2 = f(x)$, where the second most significant coefficient of f vanishes.

A pleasant aspect of the genus three formulae is that a large proportion of modular reductions can be saved: at least 21 in the addition and 14 in the doubling: see Table 4.

3.3.3 Elliptic Curves

For EC explicit formulae no savings in REDCs are possible in the cases which we consider. This is due to the fact that the formulae are much simpler and whenever expressions like ab + cd appear,

Input Outpu	$ \texttt{it:} [u_3, v_3] = [u_1, v_1] + [u_2, v_2] $	$x + f_0$
Notat	$zion: u_i = x^3 + u_{i2}x^2 + u_{i1}x + u_{i0}; v_i = v_{i2}x^2 + v_{i1}x + v_{i0}; \text{ for } 1 \le i \le 3$	
Step	Expression	Cost
1	Compute resultant r of u_1 and u_2 (Bezout):	12M, 2S
	$t_1 = u_{12}u_{21}; t_2 = u_{11}u_{22}; t_3 = u_{11}u_{20}; t_4 = u_{10}u_{21}; t_5 = u_{12}u_{20}; t_6 = u_{10}u_{22};$	
	$t_7 = (u_{20} - u_{10})^2; t_8 = (u_{21} - u_{11})^2; t_9 = (u_{22} - u_{12})(t_3 - t_4);$	
	$t_{10} = (u_{22} - u_{12})(t_5 - t_6); t_{11} = (u_{21} - u_{11})(u_{20} - u_{10});$	
	$r = (u_{20} - u_{10} + t_1 - t_2)(t_7 - t_9) + (t_5 - t_6)(t_{10} - 2t_{11}) + t_8(t_3 + t_4);$	
2	Compute almost inverse $inv = r/u_1 \mod u_2$:	4M
	$u_2 = (t_1 - t_2 - u_{10} + u_{20})(u_{22} - u_{12}) - t_8;$	
	$i_1 = i_2 u_{12} - t_{10} + t_{11}; i_0 = i_2 u_{11} + u_{12} (t_{10} - t_{11}) + t_9 - t_7$	
3	Compute $s' = rs \equiv (v_2 - v_1)inv \mod u_2$:	11M
	$t_{12} = (i_1 + i_2)(v_{12} - v_{22} + v_{11} - v_{21}); t_{13} = (v_{11} - v_{21})i_1;$	
	$t_{14} = (i_0 + i_2)(v_{12} - v_{22} + v_{10} - v_{20}); t_{15} = (v_{10} - v_{20})i_0;$	
	$t_{16} = (i_0 + i_1)(v_{11} - v_{21} + v_{10} - v_{20}); t_{17} = (v_{12} - v_{22})i_2;$	
	$r'_0 = t_{15}; r'_1 = t_{13} + t_{15} + t_{16}; r'_2 = t_{13} + t_{14} + t_{15} + t_{17};$	
	$r'_3 = t_{12} + t_{13} + t_{17}; r'_4 = t_{17}; t_{18} = u_{22}r'_4 - r'_3;$	
	$s_0' = r_0' + u_{20}t_{18}; s_1' = r_1' - (u_{21} + u_{20})(r_4' - t_{18}) + u_{21}r_4' - u_{20}t_{18}; s_2' = r_2' - u_{21}r_4' + u_{22}t_{18};$	
	If $s'_2 = 0$ handle exceptional case (e.g. with Cantor's algorithm)	
4	Compute $s = (s'/r)$, and make it monic:	I, 6M, 2S
	$w_1 = (rs'_2)^{-1}; w_2 = rw_1; w_3 = w_1{s'_2}^2; w_4 = rw_2; w_5 = w_4^2; s_0 = w_2s'_0; s_1 = w_2s'_1;$	
5	Compute $z = su_1$:	6M
	$z_0 = s_0 u_{10}; z_1 = s_1 u_{10} + s_0 u_{11}; z_2 = s_0 u_{12} + s_1 u_{11} + u_{10}; z_3 = s_1 u_{12} + s_0 + u_{11};$	
	$z_4 = u_{12} + s_1;$	
6	Compute $u' = [s(z + 2w_4v_1) - w_5(f - v_1^2)/u_1)]/u_2$:	15M
	$u'_3 = z_4 + s_1 - u_{22}; u'_2 = -u_{22}u'_3 - u_{21} + z_3 + s_0 + w_4 + s_1z_4;$	
	$u_1' = w_4(2v_{12} + s_1) + s_1z_3 + s_0z_4 + z_2 - w_5 - u_{22}u_2' - u_{21}u_3' - u_{20};$	
	$u_0' = w_4(2v_{11} + 2s_1v_{12} + s_0) + s_1z_2 + z_1 + s_0z_3 + w_5u_{12} - u_{22}u_1' - u_{21}u_2' - u_{20}u_3'$	
7	Compute $v' = -(w_3 z + v_1) \mod u'$:	8M
	$t_1 = u'_3 - z_4; v'_0 = w_3(u'_0t_1 + z_0) + v_{10};$	
	$v_1' = w_3(u_1't_1 - u_0' + z_1) + v_{11}; v_2' = w_3(u_2't_1 - u_1' + z_2) + v_{12}; v_3' = w_3(u_3't_1 - u_2' + z_3);$	
8	Reduce u' , i.e. $u_3 = (f - v'^2)/u'$:	5M, 2S
	$\overline{u_{32} = -u'_3 - {v'_3}^2 + v'_3}; u_{31} = -u'_2 - u_{32}u'_3 + f_5 - 2v'_2v'_3 - v'_2;$	
	$u_{30} = -u_1' - u_{32}u_2' - u_{31}u_3' + f_4 - 2v_1'v_3' - v_2'^2 - v_1';$	
9	Compute $v_3 = -v' \mod u_3$:	3M
	$\overline{v_{32} = v_2' - (v_3' + 1)u_{32}}; v_{31} = v_1' - (v_3' + 1)u_{31}; v_{30} = v_0' - (v_3' + 1)u_{30};$	
		I, 70M, 6S

Table 5: Explicit addition formula on a genus three Jacobian over \mathbb{F}_q

then ab, say, must be later multiplied by another field element – or is "reused" in an expression involving other products which must sooner or later be reduced anyway. This implies that it can as well be reduced immediately, and one gains more by reducing also cd and adding ab and cd as short operands instead of wide ones.

Let us work out an example, namely, the addition of a point in \mathcal{A} coordinates to a point in \mathcal{P} , with result in \mathcal{P} . Let $P_1 = (X_1, Y_1)$, $P_2 = (X_2 : Y_2 : Z_2)$ and $P_3 = (X_3 : Y_3 : Z_3)$. The addition $P_3 = P_1 + P_2$ is done by performing the following operations in the given order

$$u = Y_2 - Y_1 Z_2, v = X_2 - X_1 Z_2, A = u^2 Z_2 - v^3 - 2v^2 X_1 Z_2 ,$$

$$X_3 = vA, Y_3 = u(v^2 X_1 Z_2 - A) - v^3 Y_1 Z_2, Z_3 = v^3 Z_2 .$$

Inpu	t: $[u_1, v_1]$ with deg $u_1 = 3$, and $f = x^7 + f_5 x^5 + f_4 x^4 + f_3 x^3 + f_2 x^2 + f_1 x + f_0$	
Outp		
Nota	tion: $u_i = x^3 + u_{i2}x^2 + u_{i1}x + u_{i0}; v_i = v_{i2}x^2 + v_{i1}x + v_{i0}; \text{ for } 1 \le i \le 2$	
Step	Expression	Cost
1	Compute resultant r of u_1 and $2v_1$ (Bezout):	6M, 2S
	$\overline{t_1 = 2u_{12}v_{11}; t_2 = 2u_{11}v_{12}; t_3 = 2u_{11}v_{10}; t_4} = 2u_{10}v_{11}; t_5 = 2u_{12}v_{10}; t_6 = 2u_{10}v_{12};$	
	$t_7 = (2v_{10} - u_{10})^2;$ $t_8 = (2v_{11} - u_{11})^2;$ $t_9 = (2v_{12} - u_{12})(t_3 - t_4);$	
	$t_{10} = (2v_{12} - u_{12})(t_5 - t_6);$ $t_{11} = (2v_{11} - u_{11})(2v_{10} - u_{10});$	
	$r = (2v_{10} - u_{10} + t_1 - t_2)(t_7 - t_9) +$	
	$+(t_5-t_6)[(t_5-t_6)(2v_{12}-u_{12})-2(2v_{11}-u_{11})]+t_8(t_3-t_4);$	
2	Compute almost inverse $inv = r/(2v_1) \mod u_1$:	4M
	$\overline{u_2 = -(t_1 - t_2 - u_{10} + 2v_{10})(2v_{12} - u_{12}) - t_8};$	
	$i_1 = i_2 u_{12} - t_{10} + t_{11}; i_0 = i_2 u_{11} + u_{12}(t_{10} - t_{11}) + t_9 - t_7$	
3	Compute $z = ((f - v_1^2)/u_1) \mod u_1$:	7M, 2S
	$\overline{t_{12} = v_{12}^2; z_3' = -u_{12}; t_{13} = z_3' u_{11};}$	
	$z'_{2} = f_{5} - v_{12} - u_{11} - u_{12}z'_{3};$ $z'_{1} = f_{4} - v_{11} - t_{12} - u_{10} - t_{13} - z'_{2}u_{12};$	
	$z_2 = f_5 - v_{12} - 2u_{11} + u_{12}(u_{12} - 2z'_3);$ $z_1 = z'_1 - t_{13} + u_{12}u_{11} - u_{10};$	
	$z_0 = f_3 - 2v_{12}v_{11} - v_{10} - z'_3u_{10} - z'_2u_{11} - z'_1u_{12};$	
4	Compute $s' = zi \mod u_1$:	11M
	$\overline{t_{12} = (\imath_1 + \imath_2)(z_1 + z_2); t_{13}} = z_1 \imath_1; t_{14} = (\imath_0 + \imath_2)(z_0 + z_2); t_{15} = z_0 \imath_0;$	
	$t_{16} = (\imath_0 + \imath_1)(z_0 + z_1); t_{17} = z_2 \imath_2;$	
	$r'_0 = t_{15}; r'_1 = t_{13} + t_{15} + t_{16}; r'_2 = t_{13} + t_{14} + t_{15} + t_{17};$	
	$r'_{3} = t_{12} + t_{13} + t_{17}; r'_{4} = t_{17}; t_{18} = u_{12}r'_{4} - r'_{3};$	
	$s_0' = r_0' + u_{10}t_{18}; s_1' = r_1' - (u_{11} + u_{10})(r_4' - t_{18}) + u_{11}r_4' - u_{10}t_{18}; s_2' = r_2' - u_{11}r_4' + u_{12}t_{18};$	
	If $s'_2 = 0$ handle exceptional case (e.g. with Cantor's algorithm)	
5	Compute $s = (s'/r)$ and make s monic:	I, 6M, 2S
	$w_1 = (rs'_2)^{-1}; w_2 = w_1r; w_3 = w_1(s'_2)^2; w_4 = w_2r; w_5 = w_4^2 s_0 = w_2s'_0; s_1 = w_2s'_1;$	
6	Compute $G = su_1$:	6M
	$\overline{g_0 = s_0 u_{10}; g_1 = s_1} u_{10} + s_0 u_{11}; g_2 = s_0 u_{12} + s_1 u_{11} + u_{10}; g_3 = s_1 u_{12} + s_0 + u_{11}; g_4 = u_{12} + s_1;$	
7	Compute $u' = u_1^{-2}[(G + w_4v_1)^2 - w_5f]$:	5M, 2S
	$u'_{3} = 2s_{1};$ $u'_{2} = s_{1}^{2} + 2s_{0} + w_{4};$ $u'_{1} = 2s_{0}s_{1} + w_{4}(2v_{12} + s_{1} - u_{12}) - w_{5};$	
	$u_0' = w_4[2v_{11} + s_0 - u_{11} + u_{12}(u_{12} - 2v_{12} - s_1)] + 2w_5u_{12} + s_0^2;$	
8	Compute $v' = -(Gw_3 + v_1) \mod u'$:	8M
	$\overline{t_1 = u'_3 - g_4}; v'_3 = (t_1 u'_3 - u'_2 + g_3) w_3; v'_2 = (t_1 u'_2 - u'_1 + g_2) w_3 + v_{12};$	
	$v'_1 = (t_1u'_1 - u'_0 + g_1)w_3 + v_{11};$ $v'_0 = (t_1u'_0 - g_0)w_3 + v_{10};$	
9	$v'_1 = (t_1u'_1 - u'_0 + g_1)w_3 + v_{11};$ $v'_0 = (t_1u'_0 - g_0)w_3 + v_{10};$ Reduce u' , i.e. $u_2 = (f - v'^2)/u'$:	5M, 2S
	$u_{22} = -u'_3 - {v'_3}^2 + {v'_3};$ $u_{21} = -u'_2 - u_{22}u'_3 + f_5 - 2v'_2v'_3 - {v'_2};$	
	$u_{20} = -u_1' - u_{22}u_2' - u_{21}u_3' + f_4 - 2v_1'v_3' - v_2'^2 - v_1';$	
10	Compute $v_2 = -v' \mod u_2$:	3M
	$\overline{v_{22} = v_2' - (v_3' + 1)u_{22}}; v_{21} = v_1' - (v_3' + 1)u_{21}; v_{20} = v_0' - (v_3' + 1)u_{20};$	

Table 6: Explicit doubling formula on a genus three Jacobian over \mathbb{F}_q

For the computation of u and v no savings are possible. The expression $A = u^2 Z_2 - v^3 - 2v^2 X_1 Z_2$ is a bit more complex. We could hope to save reduction in its computation, but: We need v^3 reduced anyway for Z_3 , and also A must be reduced to get X_3 . In the computation of Y_3 we have the subexpression $v^2 X_1 Z_2 - A$: Since A will be reduced anyway for other computations, there is no saving here from keeping $\ell := v^2 X_1 Z_2$ unreduced (say, multiplying reduced v^2 with $X_1 Z_2$), subtracting an unreduced copy of A and then reducing. At this point we can either keep ℓ unreduced and reduce A and $\ell - A$ separately, or reduce it straight away. But then there is no saving in computing A using lazy reduction. This case, together with $\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}$, is perhaps the one where it is most difficult to see that lazy reduction cannot be applied to EC.

3.4 Scalar Multiplication

There are many methods for performing a scalar multiplication in a generic group, which can be used to EC and HEC scalar multiplication. See [14] for a survey.

A simple method for computing $s \cdot D$ for an integer s and a divisor D is based on the binary representation of s. If $s = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} s_i 2^i$ where each $s_i = 0$ or 1, then $n \cdot D$ can be computed as

$$sD = 2(2(\cdots 2(2(s_{n-1}D) + s_{n-2}D) + \cdots) + s_1D) + s_0D.$$
(4)

This requires n-1 doublings and on average n/2 additions on the curve.

On EC and HEC the computation of the inverse of a given group element is for free. In other words, adding and subtracting a point has the same cost. Hence one can use the *non adjacent form* (NAF) [48], which is an expansion $s = \sum_{i=0}^{n} s_i 2^i$ where each $s_i \in \{0, \pm 1\}$ and $s_i s_{i+1} = 0$. This leads to a method needing *n* doublings and on average n/3 additions or subtractions.

A generalization of the NAF comes from using "sliding windows". The wNAF [56, 8] of the integer s is a representation $s = \sum_{j=0}^{n} s_j 2^j$ where the integers s_j satisfy the following two conditions: (i) Either $s_j = 0$ or s_j is odd and $|s_j| \le 2^w$. (ii) Of any w + 1 consecutive coefficients s_{j+w}, \ldots, s_j at most one is nonzero.

The 1NAF coincides with the NAF. The wNAF has average density 1/(w+2). To compute a scalar multiplication based on the wNAF one must first precompute the divisors $D, 3D, \ldots, (2^w - 1)D$, and then perform a double-and-add step like (4).

4 Results and Comparisons

Table 7 on page 20 reports the timings of our implementation. Since nuMONGO provides support only for moduli up to 256 bits, EC are tested only on fields up to that size. For genus 2 curves on a 256 bit field, a group up to 512 bits is possible: We choose this group size as a limit also for our tests of genus 3 curves.

All benchmarks were performed on a 1 Ghz AMD Athlon (Model 4) PC, under the Linux operating system (kernel version 2.4.18). The compiler used was gcc 2.95.3. The elliptic curves have all almost prime order and have been constructed by point counting on random curves. The genus 2 and 3 curves have rational divisor class groups of almost prime order and have been costructed by complex multiplication.

For each combination of group type (EC and HEC of genus 2 and 3), coordinate system and bit size of the group (not of the field!), we averaged the timings of several thousands scalar multiplications with random scalars, and performed the scalar multiplication using three different recodings of the scalar: the binary representation, the NAF, and the wNAF. For the wNAF we report only the best timing and the value of w for which is was attained. When using the various coordinate systems, we always keep the base divisor *and* its multiples in affine coordinates, because adding an affine point to a point in *any* coordinate system is faster than adding two points in that coordinate system. In the timings for the *w*NAF the timings for the precomputations are always included in the results.

For comparison with our timings, Lange [26] reported timings of 8.232 and 9.121 milliseconds for genus 2 curves with group order $\approx 2^{160}$ and 2^{180} respectively on a gmp-based implementation of affine coordinates on a Pentium IV processor running at 1.5 Ghz, and for a ntl-based the timings are 11.326 and 16.324 for the two above mentioned curves. The scalar multiplication in [26] if the double-and-add algorithm based on the unsigned binary representation. [49] reported a timing of 98 milliseconds for a genus 3 curve of about 180 bits ($p \approx 2^{60}$) on an Alpha 21164A CPU running at 600MHz. The speed of these two CPUs is close to that of the machine we used for our tests.

In Table 8 on page 20 we provide timings for ecc and hec using gmp (with the highest optimization possible) and the double-and-add scalar multiplication is based on the unsigned binary representation. In Table 9 on page 21 we show the timings of the nuMONGO genus 2 and 3 hec implementation without lazy and incomplete reduction. These two tables serve only comparison purposes.

A summary of the results follows:

- Using a specialised software library one can get a speed-up by a factor of 3 to 4.5 for EC with respect to a traditional implementation. The speed-up for genus 2 and genus 3 curves is up to 8.
- (2) Lazy and incomplete modular reduction alone bring a speed-up from 3% to 7%.
 - (a) The speed-up is larger for genus 3 curves, since a larger proportion of reductions is saved.
 - (b) For genus 2, the amount of modular reductions saved with new coordinates is smaller than with projective coordinates. As a result, the performance difference between the two coordinate systems is smaller than without lazy and incomplete reduction (for example, for 256-bit curves, the gain is 5.3% instead of 9.7%).
- (3) HEC over prime fields are still slower than EC, but the gap has been narrowed.
 - (a) Affine coordinates for genus 2 HEC are significantly faster than those for EC. Those for genus 3 are faster from 144 bits upwards.
 - (b) Comparing the best coordinate systems and scalar multiplication algorithms for genus 2 HEC and EC, we see that:
 - (i) For 192 bit, resp. 256 bit curves, HEC is slower than EC by only 22%, resp. 15%.
 - (ii) For other group sizes the difference is often around 50%.
 - (c) Genus 3 curves are slower than genus 2 ones. Whereas with gmp the difference is 80% to 100% for 160 to 512 bit groups, using nuMONGO the difference is often as small as 50%.
- (4) Using nuMONGO we can successfully eliminate most of the overheads associated to function calls and to the processing of short operands. This proves the soundness of our approach.
 - (a) In the gmp-based implementation (see Table 8) the timings with different coordinate systems are relatively close because of the big amount of time lost in the overheads.

- (b) For HEC with gmp the overheads are clearly the dominant operation: the coordinates \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{N} require more function calls for each group operation, and we have the paradoxical result that \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{N} are slower than \mathcal{A}
- (c) For affine coordinates the dominant part of the operation is the field inversion, hence the speed-up given by nuMONGO is not big, and is close to that in Table 2 on page 9 for the inversion alone. For the other coordinate systems, the speed-up becomes significant.
- (5) If the *field* size for a given group is not close to a multiple of the machine word size, there is a relative drop in performance with respect to other groups where the field size is nicer.
 - (a) This is seen, for example, for 160-bit groups. For genus 2 this means a 80-bit field, but then 96-bit arithmetic must be used on a 32-bit CPU. For genus 3 (53-bit field) this is even worse. For 144-bit groups, genus 3 curves can exploit 48-bit arithmetic, which has been made faster by suitable implementation tricks (an approach which did not work for 80 and 112 bit fields), and thus the gap to genus 2 is only 50%.
 - (b) A similar phenomenon occurs when comparing 224-bit EC and genus 2 HEC groups. The performance loss of HEC is about 50%, because of the 112-bit field arithmetic, which is not a multiple of the native word size of the CPU. However, 192 bit and 256 bit HEC perform much better in comparison with EC.

In practice, the performance of hyperelliptic curves is satisfactory enough to be considered as a valid alternative to elliptic curves, especially with large point groups.

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		scalar			Bi	tlength of	group or	ler		
curve	coord.	mult.	128	144	160	192	224	256	320	512
	4	binary	1.82	2.824	3.396	5.946	9.27	13.594		
		NAF	1.61	2.504	3.044	5.31	8.283	12.135	-	
	\mathcal{A}	wNAF	1.49	2.272	2.768	4.788	7.451	10.841	-	
			(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 4)	(w = 4)	(w = 4)	(w = 4)	-	
		binary	0.72	1.04	1.224	2.094	3.001	4.575		
	\mathcal{P}	NAF	0.635	0.92	1.108	1.88	2.713	4.13		
	,	wNAF	0.615	0.884	1.056	1.781	2.59	3.882		
			(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 4)	(w = 3)	-	
		binary	0.65	0.916	1.12	1.897	2.708	4.122		
ec	J	NAF	0.57	0.817	1.04	1.683	2.425	3.643		
00	0	wNAF	0.535	0.78	0.936	1.567	2.22	3.388		
			(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 2)	(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 3)	-	
		binary	0.675	0.976	1.172	2.001	2.805	4.328		
	\mathcal{J}^c	NAF	0.63	0.864	1.06	1.752	2.579	3.899		
	U	wNAF	0.585	0.816	1.004	1.688	2.456	3.644		
			(w = 2)	(w = 2)	(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 4)	(w = 3)	-	
	\mathcal{J}^m	binary	0.545	0.912	1.096	1.816	2.631	4.008		
		NAF	0.505	0.764	0.924	1.555	2.25	3.404	-	
		wNAF	0.5 (w = 3)	0.7	0.844	1.423	2.053	3.06		
				(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 3)	(w = 4)		
	\mathcal{A}	binary	0.99	1.78	2.08	2.78	4.89	5.83	11.675	42.463
		NAF	0.907	1.57	1.94	2.487	4.388	5.261	10.325	38.457
			wNAF	0.82	1.44	1.72	2.251	3.956	4.677	9.27
		1	(w = 3)	(w = 4)	(w = 4)	(w = 4)	(w = 4)	(w = 4)	(w = 5)	(w = 5)
		binary	1.073	1.55	1.82	2.233	4.111	4.738	9.225	31.928
hec	\mathcal{P}	NAF	0.966	1.37	1.62	2.007	3.699	4.253	8.275	28.219
g=2		wNAF	0.906 (w = 3)	1.29 (w = 4)	1.533 (w = 4)	1.86 (w = 4)	3.361 (w = 4)	3.861 (w = 4)	7.37 (w = 4)	25.104 (w = 5)
		binary	(<i>w</i> = 3) 1.051	(w = 4) 1.5	(w = 4) 1.72	(<i>w</i> = 4) 2.152	(<i>w</i> = 4) 3.885	(<i>w</i> = 4) 4.5	(<i>w</i> = 4) 8.6	(w = 3)
		-	0.946	1.3	1.72	1.907	3.453	3.984	7.25	29.981
	\mathcal{N}	NAF	0.946	1.5	1.51	1.907	3.433	3.984	6.85	20.408
		wNAF	(w = 3)	1.21 (w = 4)	1.41 (w = 4)	1.74 (w = 4)	5.08 (w = 4)	5.510 (w = 4)	(w = 4)	(w = 5)
		1								
		binary	2.332	2.612	4.7	5.653	5.67	6.82	13.22	47.843
hec	\mathcal{A}	NAF	1.936	2.16	3.807	4.577	5.06	6.008	11.72	42.348
g=3	-	wNAF	1.604 (w = 4)	1.808 (w = 4)	2.792 (w = 5)	3.538 (w = 5)	4.53 (w = 5)	5.343 (w = 5)	10.28 (w = 5)	36.209 (w = 5)
			(w = 4)	(w = 4)	(w = 0)	(w = 0)	(w = 0)	(w = 5)	(w = 5)	(w = 5)

Table 7: Comparison of running times, in msec (1 Ghz AMD Athlon PC)

Table 8: Timings with gmp, in msec (1 Ghz AMD Athlon PC)

ec	160	192	256
\mathcal{A}	5.468	8.305	15.354
\mathcal{P}	4.306	5.845	9.16
\mathcal{J}	3.775	5.4	8.878
\mathcal{J}^c	4.029	5.75	9.67
\mathcal{J}^m	3.75	5.182	9.075

hec		160	192	256	320	512
	\mathcal{A}	9.292	12.082	18.873	29.5	72.09
g=2	\mathcal{P}	12.15	14.961	23.442	32.212	81.586
-	\mathcal{N}	11.349	13.278	20.4	28.93	74.389
g=3	\mathcal{A}	19.799	22.452	40.39	59.691	129.541

hec		160	192	256	320	512
	\mathcal{A}	2.22	2.88	6.253	11.832	44.596
g=2	\mathcal{P}	1.967	2.393	4.93	9.625	33.915
	\mathcal{N}	1.77	2.267	4.493	8.772	31.073
g=3	\mathcal{A}	5.961	7.138	7.29	13.959	49.977

Table 9: Timings with nuMONGO without lazy and incomplete reduction, in msec (1 Ghz AMD Athlon PC)

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