

Efficient Pairing Computation on Supersingular Abelian Varieties

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Abstract. We present a general technique for the efficient computation of pairings on supersingular Abelian varieties. This formulation, which we call the eta pairing, generalises results of Duursma and Lee for computing the Tate pairing on supersingular elliptic curves in characteristic three. We then show how our general technique leads to a new algorithm which is about twice as fast as the Duursma-Lee method. These ideas are then used for elliptic and hyperelliptic curves in characteristic 2 with very efficient results. In particular, the hyperelliptic case is faster than all previously known pairing algorithms, and as a bonus also gives rise to faster conventional Jacobian arithmetic.

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1 Introduction

Efficient computation of pairings is essential to the large and ever growing area of pairing-based cryptosystems (see e.g. [4] for a comprehensive overview).

There has been a lot of work on efficient implementation of pairings on elliptic curves. Supersingular curves lead to more efficient implementations in terms of processing speed [2, 8, 5] and bandwidth requirements [16, 9] than the best available algorithms for ordinary curves [3]. Pairings on hyperelliptic curves have received considerably less attention than their elliptic counterparts. The best results are by Duursma and Lee [5] for a very special family of supersingular hyperelliptic curves. These results suggest that supersingular hyperelliptic curves

may provide similar efficiency to elliptic curves, but these issues have not been at all clear until now.

We tackle this problem by providing criteria under which pairings on supersingular hyperelliptic curves are efficiently computable. Our method is fairly general and includes that of [5] as a particular case. We illustrate the method by describing efficient pairing algorithms for supersingular genus 1 and genus 2 curves in characteristic 2. As a bonus, we derive explicit formulae for faster conventional arithmetic on the Jacobian of supersingular genus 2 curves in characteristic 2.

This paper is organised as follows. Section 2 gives a brief summary on standard techniques for the efficient computation of the Tate pairing. Section 3 discusses the contributions of Duursma and Lee for certain supersingular curves, and section 4 generalises those contributions using the simpler, unified approach of *eta pairings*. Section 5 explores the consequences of the eta pairing approach for curves in characteristic 2. We compare the eta pairing approach with the work of Rubin and Silverberg in section 7, and present some experimental results in section 8. Finally, we draw our conclusions in section 9.

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2 The Tate pairing on supersingular curves

Let C be a smooth projective curve over a finite field $K = \mathbb{F}_{q^k}$. We denote the degree zero divisor class group of C over K by $\text{Pic}_0^K(C)$. Let r be an integer such that $r \mid \#\text{Pic}_0^K(C)$. We denote by $\text{Pic}_0^K(C)[r]$ the divisor classes of order dividing r .

Let D_1 be a divisor representing a class in $\text{Pic}_0^K(C)[r]$ and let D_2 be a divisor on C defined over K such that the supports of D_1 and D_2 are disjoint. Since rD_1 is principal there is a function f on C defined over K such that $(f) = rD_1$. The Tate pairing (also called the Tate-Lichtenbaum pairing) is

$$\langle D_1, D_2 \rangle_r = f(D_2).$$

One can show (see Frey and Rück [7]) that the Tate pairing is a well-defined, non-degenerate, bilinear pairing

$$\text{Pic}_0^K(C)[r] \times \text{Pic}_0^K(C)/r\text{Pic}_0^K(C) \rightarrow K^*/(K^*)^r.$$

The fact that the Tate pairing is only defined up to r -th powers is often undesirable. To obtain a unique value, one defines the *reduced pairing*

$$e(D_1, D_2) = \langle D_1, D_2 \rangle_r^{(q^k-1)/r}.$$

Throughout the paper we will refer to the extra powering required to compute the reduced pairing as the *final exponentiation*.

One very important property of the reduced pairing is the following [8]. Let $N = hr$ for some h .

$$e(D_1, D_2) = \langle D_1, D_2 \rangle_r^{(q^k-1)/r} = \langle D_1, D_2 \rangle_N^{(q^k-1)/N}. \quad (1)$$

2.1 Miller's algorithm in the elliptic case

We recall how the Tate pairing can be computed in polynomial time using Miller's algorithm [12]. For simplicity we restrict to the case of elliptic curves. The divisor class group of an elliptic curve is isomorphic to the curve itself, so all divisors may be assumed to have the form $D = (P) - (\infty)$.

Let E be an elliptic curve over \mathbb{F}_q and let $r \mid \#E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ be a prime. Suppose the embedding degree is k (i.e., k is the smallest positive integer such that $r \mid (q^k - 1)$). Let $P \in E[r]$ and $Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})$, where typically Q is the image of some multiple of P under a non-rational endomorphism called a distortion map. We construct an \mathbb{F}_{q^k} -rational divisor D equivalent to $(Q) - (\infty)$ by taking a random point $R \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})$ and defining $D = (Q + R) - (R)$. We aim to compute

$$e(P, Q) = e((P) - (\infty), D).$$

For every integer n and point P there is a function $f_{n,P}$ such that

$$(f_{n,P}) = n(P) - ([n]P) - (n-1)(\infty).$$

Miller's algorithm builds up these functions $f_{n,P}$ according to the following formula: If l and v are the lines which arise in the addition rule for adding $[n]P$ and $[m]P$ then we have

$$f_{n+m,P} = f_{n,P} f_{m,P} l/v.$$

The pairing value $\langle (P) - (\infty), D \rangle_r$ is $f_{r,P}(D)$.

Thus, Miller's algorithm is the following:

Note that the addition in the final iteration is simplified in that l is a vertical line and v disappears.

Miller's algorithm can be generalised to general divisor class groups. The basic algorithm is the same, but the functions are more complicated

2.2 Improvements to Miller's algorithm

Several improved implementation techniques to compute the reduced Tate pairing on supersingular elliptic curves have been proposed [2, 8]. These include:

Exploiting properties of the field of definition: It is typical in pairing applications to pair a point defined over \mathbb{F}_q with a point defined over \mathbb{F}_{q^k} . Hence it makes sense to represent \mathbb{F}_{q^k} as an extension of \mathbb{F}_q and to try to simplify the operations in \mathbb{F}_{q^k} as much as possible.

The final exponentiation eliminates terms defined over subfields. Hence, terms defined over subfields can be omitted from the calculations. For example, if $k > 1$ then the point R can be chosen to be defined over a subfield, in which case all terms $l(R)$ and $v(R)$ may be ignored.

Algorithm 1 Miller's algorithm

INPUT: $r, P, Q + R, R$, where the binary representation of r is $\{r_i\}$.

OUTPUT: $\langle P, Q \rangle_r$

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1:  $T \leftarrow P$ 
2:  $f \leftarrow 1$ 
3: for  $i \leftarrow \lfloor \log_2(r) \rfloor - 1$  downto 0 do
4:    $\triangleright$  Calculate lines  $l$  and  $v$  in doubling  $T$ 
5:    $T \leftarrow [2]T$ 
6:    $f \leftarrow f^2 \cdot l(Q + R)v(R)/(v(Q + R)l(R))$ 
7:   if  $r_i = 1$  then
8:      $\triangleright$  Calculate lines  $l$  and  $v$  in adding  $P$  to  $T$ 
9:      $T \leftarrow T + P$ 
10:     $f \leftarrow f \cdot l(Q + R)v(R)/((v(Q + R)l(R))$ 
11:  end if
12: end for
13: return  $f$ 
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Changing the base in Miller's algorithm: Miller's algorithm is usually presented as a loop through the binary expansion of the group order. It is sometimes more efficient to use other bases, for example to write the group order in base three when implementing pairings in characteristic three.

Replacing divisors by points: As explained above, the point R can be ignored. In fact, one can choose $R = \infty$ by [2, Theorem 1]. Hence, the reduced pairing can be computed as

$$e(P, Q) = f_{r,P}(Q)^{(q^k - 1)/r},$$

where the function f_r is now evaluated on a *point* rather than on a divisor.

Exploiting the form of the distortion maps and denominator elimination: If the distortion map is chosen so that the x -coordinates always lies in a subfield, then all terms $v(Q)$ may be eliminated. As a result there are no longer any divisions in Miller's algorithm.

Note that a distortion map with this property can always be obtained by combining with a map into the trace zero subgroup (see [15] for an example of this).

Hamming weight/group order issues: Miller's algorithm to compute f_r involves a number of arithmetic operations proportional to the Hamming weight of r , and for this reason it is advantageous to choose r with low Hamming weight (with respect to the base being used) whenever possible. In many cases it is worth using a small multiple of r which has low Hamming weight and exploiting formula (1).

Speeding up the final exponentiation: The naive way to compute the final powering to $(q^k - 1)/N$ (for some multiple N of r) has cubic complexity. However, this exponent has a rather simple structure for supersingular curves when one chooses N to be the full curve order rather than a factor r thereof. By carefully exploiting that structure, one can replace the powering by a few applications of the Frobenius, a couple of multiplications, and one inversion. Details can be found in [2, Appendix A.2].

Pairing value compression: It is possible to reduce the bandwidth requirements of pairing values by storing and manipulating traces [16], or by working on a torus [9]. These methods compress pairing values to half their usual size (or to a third thereof, in the specific case of pairing on supersingular elliptic curves in characteristic 3).

The techniques mentioned above give impressive results for pairing implementation. For the remainder of the paper we focus on further improvements. We consider only supersingular curves over \mathbb{F}_q with embedding degree $k > 1$ and with suitable distortion maps ψ . We will always be computing a modified pairing

$$\hat{e}_r(P, Q) = \langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_r$$

where P and Q are defined over \mathbb{F}_q .

3 The Duursma-Lee techniques

Duursma and Lee [5] had several ideas which give a significant improvement to the computation of pairings on curves of the form $y^2 = x^p - x + d$ over \mathbb{F}_{p^m} (these curves have embedding degree $2p$). In particular, they give new results in the case of the embedding degree 6 curve in characteristic three.

The presentation in [5] is *ad hoc* and quite involved, but a careful examination shows that it contains four independent contributions:

1. A nice choice of function for computing pD in the divisor class group;
2. The definition of a pairing on *points* (in $g > 1$) rather than divisors;
3. A shorter loop than would be expected for the given group order;
4. Incorporating the large powering and other Frobenius operations directly into the formulae.

One of the aims of this paper is to clarify the presentation in [5] so that it can easily be generalised to other cases. Points 1, 2 and 4 are relatively straightforward to adapt, but the third contribution is less obvious. We give a general explanation of this idea in the next section.

4 The eta pairing approach

One crucial aspect of [5] is that they work with a group order of the form $p^{mk} + 1$ where the embedding degree is $2k$ (so $k = p$ for the family of curves considered in [5]) and where $\gcd(m, 2k) = 1$. This group order has Hamming weight 2 in base p , which is minimal. The final powering by $p^{mk} - 1$ is simply computing a Frobenius conjugation and a division.

However, instead of requiring a loop with mk iterations, they have a loop with only m iterations. In this section we explain how this can be achieved in a very general way.

4.1 Generic view of the method

Let P be a point on a hyperelliptic curve C of genus g over \mathbb{F}_{q^k} (where $q = p^m$) and let ∞ be a (fixed) point on C . Assume we have a distortion map ψ which gives rise to denominator elimination in the usual way. Let D be the divisor $D = (P) - (\infty)$ and suppose that D has order dividing $q^k + 1$. We will develop the functions required for a Miller algorithm in base p .

Define effective divisors E_i of degree $d_i \leq g$ such that $p^i D \equiv E_i - d_i(\infty)$ in the divisor class group. Define $f_{p^j, [p^i]P}$ to be functions such that

$$(f_{p^j, [p^i]P}) = p^j E_i - E_{i+j} - (p^j d_i - d_{i+j})(\infty).$$

Then one can choose the $f_{p^j, [p^i]P}$ such that

$$f_{p^{i+1}, P} = f_{p^i, P}^p f_{p, [p^i]P}. \quad (2)$$

Miller's algorithm requires computing $f_{q^k+1, P}$, but as we will now show, since C is hyperelliptic it suffices to compute $f_{q^k, P}$, which can be done using equation (2). This follows because $q^k((P) - (\infty)) \equiv ((\bar{P}) - (\infty))$ where \bar{P} is the image of P under the hyperelliptic involution. Therefore, the final step in Miller's algorithm involves a function which depends only on x . Hence, if the point $Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^{2k}})$ has x -coordinate in \mathbb{F}_{q^k} (i.e., if the distortion map is of a suitable form) then this operation may be omitted. In other words, there are no longer any addition steps in Miller's algorithm in base p .

By expanding out the definitions we obtain

$$\langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_{q^k+1} = f_{q^k, P}(\psi(Q)) = \prod_{i=0}^{km-1} f_{p, p^i P}(\psi(Q))^{p^{km-1-i}}. \quad (3)$$

where we should complete the calculation by exponentiating to the power $(q^k - 1)$.

What Duursma and Lee noticed is that this loop can be shortened from a product of km terms to a product of m terms. We now give a general explanation of this fact.

Definition 1. *Let notation be as above. We define the η pairing as*

$$\eta(P, Q) = f_{q,P}(\psi(Q)) = \prod_{i=0}^{m-1} f_{P, [p^i]P}(\psi(Q))^{p^{m-1-i}}.$$

It is clear that equation (3) can be written as a product of $\eta(P, Q)$ terms as follows.

$$\langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_{q^{k+1}} = \eta(P, Q)^{q^{k-1}} \eta([q]P, Q)^{q^{k-2}} \cdots \eta([q^{k-1}]P, Q). \quad (4)$$

We will prove that in certain special cases $\eta(P, Q)$ is bilinear and hence that

$$\langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_{q^{k+1}} = \eta(P, Q)^{kq^{k-1}}.$$

An important observation is that, for many supersingular curves, multiplication by p has an extremely special form. This has already been exploited by many authors. Essential to the case of curves of genus > 1 is the fact that multiplication by p (or a power of p) of a special divisor of the form $(P) - (\infty)$ may be another divisor of this form. Hence, from now on we assume that $q((P) - (\infty)) = (\gamma(P)) - (\infty)$ for some automorphism γ on the curve.

The key to our results is the following condition on the distortion map ψ which relates multiplication by q with the q -power Frobenius. The condition is

$$\gamma\psi^q(Q) = \psi(Q). \quad (5)$$

We can now give our main result.

Theorem 1. *If ψ satisfies condition (5) and $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$, then*

$$\eta([q]P, Q) = \eta(P, Q)^q.$$

Note that this is a rather subtle case of bilinearity as we consider the q on the left hand side as point exponentiation while the q on the right hand side is a Galois action on field elements.

Proof. We have $\eta(P, Q) = f_{q,P}(\psi(Q))$ where the Miller function $f_{q,P}$ has divisor $q(P) - (qP) - (q-1)(\infty)$. Hence, we must compare $f_{q,P}$ and $f_{q,qP}$.

Let γ be an automorphism of E such that $\gamma(P) = [q]P$. It is known (see Silverman [18] Chapter II page 33) that

$$\gamma^* \left(\sum n_P(P) \right) = \sum_{S \in \gamma^{-1}(P)} n_{Pe_\gamma(S)}(S) = \sum_P n_P(\gamma^{-1}(S)).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^*(f_{q,qP}) &= \gamma^*(q(qP) - (q^2P) - (q-1)(\infty)) \\ &= q(P) - (qP) - (q-1)(\infty) \\ &= (f_{q,P}). \end{aligned}$$

Also, (Silverman [18] pages 33-34)

$$\gamma^*(f_{q,qP}) = (\gamma^* f_{q,qP}) = (f_{q,qP} \circ \gamma).$$

Hence, we have (up to a scalar multiple)

$$f_{q,qP} = f_{q,P} \gamma^{-1}.$$

We want to deduce that

$$\eta(P, Q)^q = \eta(qP, Q).$$

The left hand side is

$$\eta(P, Q)^q = g_P(\psi(Q))^q = g_P(\psi^q(Q))$$

since both P and Q are defined over \mathbb{F}_q and so g_P and Q are preserved by the Frobenius action. The right hand side is

$$\eta(qP, Q) = g_{qP}(\psi(Q)) = g_P \gamma^{-1} \psi(Q).$$

The result follows from condition (5).

Note: The proof has been presented in a way which emphasises the key role of condition (5). It seems unlikely that the result would be true if condition (5) is not satisfied, but we can't prove this.

We now show that these results explain the loop shortening achieved by Duursma and Lee. They have the curve $E : y^2 = x^3 - x + b$ over \mathbb{F}_{3^m} where $\gcd(m, 6) = 1$. The tripling formula is $[3](x, y) = \phi\pi^2(x, y)$ where π is the 3-power Frobenius and $\phi(x, y) = (x - b, -y)$. Note that $\phi^2(x, y) = (x - 2b, y)$, $\phi^3 = -1$ etc. The distortion map is $\psi(x, y) = (\rho - x, iy)$ where $i^2 = -1$ and $\rho^3 = \rho + b$ (and thus $\rho^{3^2} = \rho + 2b$, $\rho^{3^3} = \rho$). We will show that if γ is the automorphism of E such that $\gamma(P) = [q]P$ then $\gamma\psi^q = \psi$.

Let $q = 3^m$ with $m \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$. Suppose $(x, y) \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$. Then $\gamma(x, y) = [q](x, y) = \phi(x, y)$ and $\psi^q = \psi^3$. Then

$$\gamma\psi^q(x, y) = \phi(\rho + b - x, -iy) = (\rho + b - x - b, iy) = (\rho - x, iy) = \psi(x, y).$$

Similarly, when $m \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ we have $\gamma = -\phi^2 = \phi^5$ and $\psi^q = -\psi^{3^2}$ and so

$$\gamma\psi^q(x, y) = \phi^2(\rho + 2b - x, iy) = (\rho + 2b - x - 2b, iy) = \psi(x, y).$$

Hence condition (5) is satisfied and so the η pairing is bilinear. The method of Duursma and Lee computes the η pairing in a way which combines the other three techniques mentioned at the start of this section.

Table 1. Order of the curve $E : y^2 + y = x^3 + x + b$ over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} , $b \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

$\#E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m})$	condition
$2^m + 1 + (-1)^b 2^{(m+1)/2}$	$m \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$
$2^m + 1 - (-1)^b 2^{(m+1)/2}$	$m \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$

5 Supersingular pairings in characteristic 2

5.1 The elliptic case

We now consider the case of the supersingular curve $E : y^2 + y = x^3 + x + b$ over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} where m is odd. We will use the ideas presented in section 4. The order of E is given in table 1.

We write $x^{(i)}$ for x^{2^i} . Depending on the field of definition we will usually have either $x^{(m)} = x$ or $x^{(4m)} = x$. Hence we can consider the values (i) as being modulo m or $4m$. This allows us to extend to negative values such as $x^{(-i)}$, which can be interpreted as the 2^i -th root of x .

The field $\mathbb{F}_{2^{4m}}$ has elements s, t such that $s^2 = s + 1$ and $t^2 = t + s$; we will represent $\mathbb{F}_{2^{4m}}$ in basis $\{1, s, t, st\}$. Element s satisfies $s^{(1)} = s^2$, $s^{(2)} = s$, and thus $s^{(i)} = s + i$ and $s^{(-i)} = s^{(m-i)} = s + (m - i)$; the latter simplifies to $s^{(-i)} = s + i + 1$ because m is odd. Similarly for t , $t^{(1)} = t + s$, $t^{(2)} = t + 1$, $t^{(3)} = t + s + 1$, $t^{(4)} = t$, and thus $t^{(i)} = t + is + \tau(i)$ and $t^{(-i)} = t^{(m-i)} = t + (m - i)s + \tau(m - i) = t + (i + 1)s + \tau(m) + \tau(i)$, where $\tau(i) = 0$ for $i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ and $\tau(i) = 1$ for $i \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$.

We adopt the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x, y) &\equiv (x + 1, y + x), \\ \psi(x, y) &\equiv (x + s^2, y + sx + t).\end{aligned}$$

One can verify that $\phi^2(x, y) = (x, y + 1)$, $\phi^3(x, y) = (x + 1, y + x + 1)$, and $\phi^4(x, y) = (x, y)$.

Let $P = (x_P, y_P), Q = (x_Q, y_Q) \in E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m})$. We have $x_P^{(m)} = x_P$ (and similarly for the other point coordinates). One can show by induction that

$$2^i P = \phi^i(x_P^{(2i)}, y_P^{(2i)}).$$

We now show that the eta pairing can be applied in this case.

Lemma 1. *With notation as above, condition (5) is satisfied.*

Proof. Write $q = 2^m$ where $m \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$. For $P = (x_P, y_P)$ we have

$$\gamma(P) = [q]P = \phi^m(x_P, y_P) = \phi^m(P)$$

We must show that $\gamma\psi^q = \psi$. Consider first the case $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma\psi^{2^m}(x, y) &= \phi\psi^2(x, y) = \phi(x + s, y + s^2x + (t + s)) \\ &= (x + s + 1, y + s^2x + t + s + x + s) \\ &= (x + s^2, y + sx + t) \\ &= \psi(x, y).\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, when $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma\psi^{2^m}(x, y) &= \phi^3\psi^{2^3}(x, y) = \phi^3(x + s, y + s^2x + (t + s + 1)) \\ &= (x + s + 1, y + s^2x + t + s + 1 + x + s + 1) \\ &= \psi(x, y).\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

Given a point V , the function

$$g_V(x, y) \equiv (x_V^2 + 1)(x_V + x) + y_V + y$$

has divisor $2(V) - (2V) - (\infty)$. We desire to compute the function

$$\langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_{q^2+1} = \eta(P, Q)^{2^q} \equiv \prod_{i=0}^{m-1} g_i,$$

where $g_i \equiv (g_{2^i P}(\psi(Q)))^{(-i)q}$. A straightforward but tedious calculation gives

$$g_i = (x_P^{(i+1)} + 1)(x_P^{(i)} + x_Q^{(-i)}) + x_P^{(i+1)} + y_P^{(i)} + y_Q^{(-i)} + (x_P^{(i+1)} + x_Q^{(-i)} + 1)s + t.$$

Algorithm 2 computes the above product.

Algorithm 2 Computation of $\hat{e}(P, Q)$ on $E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m}) : y^2 + y = x^3 + x + b$

INPUT: P, Q

OUTPUT: $\hat{e}(P, Q)$

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1: let  $P = (x_P, y_P), Q = (x_Q, y_Q)$ 
2:  $f \leftarrow 1$ 
3: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$  do
4:    $u \leftarrow x_P^2$ 
5:    $g \leftarrow (u + 1) \cdot (x_P + x_Q) + u + y_P + y_Q + (u + x_Q + 1)s + t$ 
6:    $f \leftarrow f \cdot g$ 
7:    $x_P \leftarrow u, y_P \leftarrow y_P^2, x_Q \leftarrow \sqrt{x_Q}, y_Q \leftarrow \sqrt{y_Q}$ 
8: end for
9: return  $f^{q^2-1}$ 

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Each step costs $7 \mathbb{F}_q$ multiplications (1 to compute g , 6 to accumulate it into f by making use of the sparse structure of g), except the first step which costs

only 1 \mathbb{F}_q multiplication (because $f = 1$). The total loop cost is therefore $7m - 6$ multiplications.

A further speed-up may be possible by precomputing all squares x_P and y_P , and then referencing them backwards to get rid of the square roots. However, using the technique described in [6] calculating square roots in the field \mathbb{F}_{2^m} is just as fast as squaring. In fact it may be a little faster as large precomputed tables can lead to memory cache misses which are detrimental to performance.

5.2 The genus 2 case

Here we consider the curve $C_d : y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + d$ with $d = 0$ or 1 over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} , where m is coprime to 6. This curve is supersingular and has embedding degree 12. We give an octupling formula which enables fast point exponentiation and give a corresponding function for Miller's algorithm. The group order is given in Table 2; some examples are listed in Table 3.

Table 2. Order of $\text{Jac}(C_d)$ for the curve $C_d : y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + d$ over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} , $d \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

$\#\text{Jac}(C_d)(\mathbb{F}_{2^m})$	condition
$2^{2m} + (-1)^{d(3m+1)/2} + 2^m + (-1)^{d(m+1)/2} + 1$	$m \equiv 1, 7, 17, 23 \pmod{24}$
$2^{2m} - (-1)^{d(3m+1)/2} + 2^m - (-1)^{d(m+1)/2} + 1$	$m \equiv 5, 11, 13, 19 \pmod{24}$

Table 3. Some examples.

field	curve	cofactor
$\mathbb{F}_{2^{79}}$	$y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + 1$	151681
$\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}}$	$y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3$	$13 \cdot 1237$
$\mathbb{F}_{2^{127}}$	$y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + 1$	198168459411337
$\mathbb{F}_{2^{199}}$	$y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + 1$	$2389 \cdot 121789$
$\mathbb{F}_{2^{239}}$	$y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + 1$	1
$\mathbb{F}_{2^{313}}$	$y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + 1$	1

Appendix A gives detailed formulae for arithmetic in $\text{Jac}(C)$ over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} . These derive from, and improve upon, the explicit formulae given in [11] (1 inversion, 20 multiplications and 4 squarings in the most expensive addition case; 1 inversion, 8 multiplications, and 4 squarings in the most expensive doubling case; and 24 squarings for octupling, without inversions nor multiplications).

5.3 The distortion map

Choose $w \in \mathbb{F}_{2^6}$ to be a root of the polynomial

$$x^6 + x^5 + x^3 + x^2 + 1.$$

Note that $w^8 = w + 1$. Define $s_1 = w^2 + w^4$, $s_2 = w^4 + 1$, and let $s_0 \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{12}}$ be a solution of $s_0^2 + s_0 = w^5 + w^3$.

We will represent elements of the field $\mathbb{F}_{2^{12m}}$ as 12-tuples with respect to the basis

$$\{1, w, w^2, w^3, w^4, w^5, s_0, ws_0, w^2s_0, w^3s_0, w^4s_0, w^5s_0\}.$$

The distortion map is

$$\psi(x, y) = (x + w, y + s_2x^2 + s_1x + s_0).$$

5.4 Octupling

Consider a divisor of form $D = (P) - (\infty)$. In general, jD is not equivalent to a divisor of the form $(Q) - (\infty)$, but as shown in Appendix B in this case we have the octupling formula $8D = (P') - (\infty)$ where $P' = \phi\pi^6(P)$, π is the 2-power Frobenius map, and $\phi(x, y) = (x + 1, y + x^2 + 1)$ so that $\phi^2 = -1$. As a suggestive (but non-standard) notation, we write $[8]P = \phi\pi^6(P)$ and so $8D = ([8]P) - (\infty)$. Similar results for other supersingular curves were obtained by Duursma and Lee [5].

Since our basic operation is octupling, we are forced to consider the η pairing in the case where we have a power of 2^3 . Hence we will work with $q = 2^{3m}$ and we will only be reducing the base 8 loop from $2m$ iterations to m iterations. It would be interesting to know if the loop can be shortened further in this case.

We now show that condition (5) is satisfied for our distortion map.

Lemma 2. *Let the notation be as above with $q = 2^{3m}$. Then condition (5) is satisfied.*

Proof. We have $q = 2^{3m}$ where $m \equiv 1, 5, 7$ or $11 \pmod{12}$. Hence we have $3m \equiv 3, 9 \pmod{12}$ and $\gamma = \phi^{3m}$.

We will repeatedly use the formulae $w^8 = w + 1$ and $s_0^8 = s_0 + w^2$ (from which we deduce $s_0^{8^2} = s_0 + 1$ and $s_0^{8^3} = s_0 + w^2 + 1$).

The cases $m \equiv 7, 11 \pmod{12}$ (i.e., $3m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$) yield

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma\psi^q(x, y) &= \phi\psi^8(x, y) \\ &= \phi(x + w + 1, y + w^4x^2 + s_1x + s_0 + w^2) \\ &= (x + w, y + w^4x^2 + s_1x + s_0 + w^2 + x^2 + w^2 + 1 + 1) \\ &= \psi(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, when $3m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma\psi^q(x, y) &= \phi^3\psi^{8^3}(x, y) \\ &= -\phi(x + w + 1, y + w^4x^2 + s_1x + s_0 + w^2 + 1) \\ &= -(x + w, y + w^4x^2 + s_1x + s_0 + w^2 + 1 + x^2 + w^2 + 1 + 1) \\ &= \psi(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

This proves the lemma.

5.5 Functions

Let $f_{8,P}$ be a function such that $(f_{8,P}) = 8(P) - ([8]P) - 7(\infty)$. We show in appendix B that, for $\psi(Q) = (x, y)$:

$$f_{8,P}(\psi(Q)) = \frac{(y + b_4(x))^2(y + b_8''(x))}{a_4'(x)^2 a_8'(x)}$$

where

$$b_4(x) = x^3 + (x_P^8 + x_P^4)x^2 + (x_P^4)x + y_P^4$$

and

$$b_8''(x) = (x_P^{32} + 1)x^2 + (x_P^{32} + x_P^{16})x + (y_P^{16} + x_P^{16} + x_P^{48} + 1).$$

The denominator $a_4'(x)^2 a_8'(x)$ can be ignored for the usual reasons.

We can write $f_{8,P} = \alpha\beta$ where $\alpha = (y + b_4(x))^2 \circ \psi$ and $\beta = (y + b_8''(x)) \circ \psi$.

5.6 Miller's algorithm

Miller's algorithm (using the octupling formulae) computes (cf. eq. 3):

$$\langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_{2^{6m+1}} = \prod_{i=0}^{2m-1} f_{8,[8^i]P}(\psi(Q))^{8^{2m-1-i}}.$$

Following our general presentation of the η pairing, we will instead compute

$$\eta(P, Q) = \prod_{i=0}^{m-1} f_{8,[8^i]P}(\psi(Q))^{8^{m-1-i}}.$$

Note that we are taking $q = 2^{3m}$ and the embedding degree in terms of this value of q is $4 = 2k$ where $k = 2$. By Lemma 2 we can apply the general eta pairing result to show that the pairing is bilinear and that

$$\langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_{2^{6m+1}} = \eta(P, Q)^q \cdot \eta([q]P, Q) = \eta(P, Q)^{2q}.$$

In the Appendix we show how this product may be efficiently computed, leading to a very fast pairing implementation on genus 2 curves in characteristic two. Details of timings are given in Section 8.

Note that to compute a pairing between general elements $D_1 = (P_1) + (P_2) - 2(\infty)$ and $D_2 = (Q_1) + (Q_2) - 2(\infty)$ in the divisor class group of C it is necessary to compute

$$e(P_1, Q_1)e(P_1, Q_2)e(P_2, Q_1)e(P_2, Q_2).$$

Obviously there are some optimisations available (for example, the final exponentiation only needs to be performed once and the calculation of the functions can be shared for both $e(P_1, Q_1)$ and $e(P_1, Q_2)$), but nevertheless, a general pairing will be much slower than a pairing of two special divisors. This can be exploited in protocol design. For example, one can set-up the Boneh-Franklin IBE system so that encryption is fast (by arranging that identities map to special divisors) at some cost to decryption.

Appendix C discusses implementation issues in detail.

6 An improvement – the η_T pairing

In this section we present a major improvement to our methods. This gives pairings which are twice as fast than the Duursma-Lee method and the examples in characteristic two presented above.

6.1 The characteristic two case

The number of points on the elliptic curve $E : y^2 + y = x^3 + x + b$ over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} is $N = 2^m \pm 2^{(m+1)/2} + 1$. Let $n = 2^m - N = \mp 2^{(m+1)/2} - 1$. As mentioned above, $2^m P = \gamma(P) = \phi^m(P)$. The key idea is to note that if P is a point of order N then

$$nP = (2^m - N)P = 2^m P = \gamma(P)$$

and so the ideas of Theorem 1 can be applied in this case.

We claim that it is sufficient to compute the pairing

$$\eta_T(P, Q) = f_{n,P}(\psi(Q)).$$

This can be efficiently computed as $(m+1)/2$ doublings and an addition (if $n = -2^{(m+1)/2} - 1$ then use $[n]P = [-n](-P)$ to see this, and if $n = 2^{(m+1)/2} - 1$ then $[n]P = [2^{(m+1)/2}]P + (-P)$). Note that the final exponentiation will be slightly more complicated. Nevertheless, we expect the total computation to be improved by a factor close to 2.

We now give the full details. The standard BKLS method computes the value

$$f_{N,P}(\psi(Q))$$

and exponentiates to the power $(2^{4m} - 1)/N$.

Theorem 2. *Let notation be as above. Let h be a function such that $(h) = (P) + (-P) - 2(\infty)$. Then*

$$f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^n f_{n,nP}(\psi(Q)) h(\psi(Q)) = \langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_N^2.$$

Proof. First note the standard fact that

$$\begin{aligned} (f_{n,P}^n f_{n,nP}) &= n(f_{n,P}) + (f_{n,nP}) \\ &= n(n(P) - (nP) - (n-1)(\infty)) + n(nP) - (n^2 P) - (n-1)(\infty) \\ &= n^2(P) - (n^2 P) - (n^2 - 1)(\infty) \\ &= (f_{n^2,P}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, $n^2 = 2^{m+1} \pm 2 \cdot 2^{(m+1)/2} + 1 = 2N - 1$. Hence $n^2 P = -P$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (f_{n^2,P} h) &= 2N(P) - 2N(\infty) \\ &= (f_{N,P}^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since $f_{N,P}^2(\psi(Q)) = \langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_N^2$ the result follows.

This formula will imply bilinearity since the function h is a vertical line and so it does not contribute to the calculation. To complete the analysis we must prove partial bilinearity of η_T .

Theorem 3. *Let notation be as above and assume that condition (5) holds. Write $M = (2^{4m} - 1)/N$. Then*

$$f_{n,nP}(\psi(Q))^M = f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^{Mn}.$$

Proof. As mentioned above $nP = \gamma(P)$ and $(f_{n,nP}) = (f_{n,\gamma(P)})$. By the same arguments as used in Theorem 1 we have

$$f_{n,nP} = f_{n,P} \circ \gamma^{-1}$$

(at least, up to a scalar multiple).

We evaluate at $\psi(Q)$ and raise to the power M so that the resulting field element has order N . We have

$$f_{n,nP}(\psi(Q))^{Mn} = (f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^M)^n = (f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^M)^{2^m - N} = (f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^M)^{2^m}$$

and, since P is defined over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} we can bring the Frobenius conjugation through to get

$$f_{n,nP}(\psi^{2^m}(Q))^M.$$

On the other hand

$$f_{n,nP}(\psi(Q))^M = f_{n,P}(\gamma^{-1}\psi(Q))^M.$$

By condition (5) the result follows.

We have therefore shown that

$$(\eta_T(P, Q))^M)^{2n} = (\langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_N^M)^2.$$

The right hand side is bilinear and so we can deduce bilinearity of η_T . It also follows that $\langle P, Q \rangle_N^M = \eta_T(P, Q)^{Mn}$.

6.2 The characteristic three case

The number of points on the elliptic curve $E : y^2 = x^3 - x + b$ over \mathbb{F}_{3^m} is $N = 3^m \pm 3^{(m+1)/2} + 1$. Let $n = 3^m - N = \mp 3^{(m+1)/2} - 1$. As mentioned above, $3^m P = \gamma(P)$, where $\gamma = \phi^m$. Once again, the key idea is to note that if P is a point of order N then

$$nP = (\mp 3^{(m+1)/2} - 1)P = (3^m - N)P = 3^m P = \gamma(P)$$

and so the ideas of Theorem 1 can be applied in this case.

We claim that it is sufficient to compute the pairing

$$\eta_T(P, Q) = f_{n,P}(\psi(Q)).$$

Once again, we expect a saving of a factor close to 2 compared with the Duursma-Lee method.

We now give the full details. The standard BKLS method computes the value

$$f_{N,P}(\psi(Q))$$

and exponentiates to the power $(3^{6m} - 1)/N$.

Theorem 4. *Let notation be as above. Let h be a function such that $(h) = (P) + (-P) - 2(\infty)$ and let $L = \mp 3^{(m+3)/2}$. Then*

$$f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^{n^2} f_{n,nP}(\psi(Q))^n f_{n,n^2P}(\psi(Q)) h(\psi(Q)) = f_{n^3+1,P}(\psi(Q)) = \langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_N^L.$$

Proof. A standard argument shows that

$$f_{n,P}^{n^2} f_{n,nP}^n f_{n,n^2P} = f_{n^3,P}$$

and multiplying by h gives $f_{n^3,P} h = f_{n^3+1,P}$.

Now, $n^3 = \mp 3^{(3m+3)/2} - 3^{m+2} \mp 3^{(m+3)/2} - 1 = \pm 3^{(m+2)/2} N - 1 = LN - 1$. Hence $n^3 + 1 = LN$. Hence, we can take

$$f_{n^3+1,P} = f_{N,P}^L.$$

Since $\langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_N = f_{N,P}(\psi(Q))$ the result follows.

To complete the analysis we must prove partial bilinearity of η_T .

Theorem 5. *Let notation be as above and assume that condition (5) holds. Write $M = (3^{6m} - 1)/N$. Then*

$$f_{n,nP}(\psi(Q))^M = f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^{Mn}.$$

Proof. As mentioned above $nP = \gamma(P)$ and $(f_{n,nP}) = (f_{n,\gamma(P)})$. By the same arguments as used in Theorem 1 we have

$$f_{n,nP} = f_{n,P} \circ \gamma^{-1}.$$

We evaluate at $\psi(Q)$ and raise to the power M so that the resulting field element has order N . We have

$$f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^{Mn} = (f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^M)^n = (f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^M)^{3^m - N} = (f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^M)^{3^m}$$

and, since P is defined over \mathbb{F}_{3^m} we can bring the Frobenius conjugation through to get

$$f_{n,P}(\psi^{3^m}(Q))^M.$$

On the other hand

$$f_{n,nP}(\psi(Q))^M = f_{n,P}(\gamma^{-1}\psi(Q))^M.$$

By condition (5) the result follows.

Applying the above result with P replaced by nP gives

$$\left(f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^{n^2} f_{n,nP}(\psi(Q))^n f_{n,n^2P}(\psi(Q)) \right)^M = (f_{n,P}(\psi(Q)))^{M3n^2}.$$

We have therefore shown that

$$\eta_T(P, Q)^{3Mn^2} = \langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_N^{LM}$$

and so η_T efficiently computes bilinear pairing.

6.3 Higher genus cases

We now give the details for the genus 2 curves in characteristic 2 studied previously. Recall that the group order is $N = 2^{2m} \pm 2^{(3m+1)/2} + 2^m \pm 2^{(m+1)/2} + 1$. Let P be a divisor of order dividing N .

The equation

$$(2^m \mp 2^{(m+1)/2} + 1)N = 2^{3m} \pm 2^{(3m+1)/2} + 1 \quad (6)$$

implies that $(\mp 2^{(3m+1)/2} - 1)P = 2^{3m}P = \gamma(P)$ where $\gamma = \phi^m$. Hence we set $n = \mp 2^{(3m+1)/2} - 1$ and we are in the framework of the cases studied above.

To give the full details, first note that $n^2 + 1 = LN$ where $L = 2^{m+1} \mp 2^{(m+3)/2} + 2$. Hence,

$$f_{n^2+1,P}(\psi(Q)) = f_{N,P}(\psi(Q))^L = \langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_N^L.$$

Now, let h be a vertical line function with divisor $(h) = (P) + (-P) - 2(\infty)$. Then

$$f_{n^2+1,P} = f_{n^2,P}h = f_{n,P}^n f_{n,nP}h$$

and so it suffices to prove partial bilinearity of $f_{n,P}$.

Theorem 6. *With notation as above, let $M = (2^{6m} + 1)/N$. Then $f_{n,nP} = f_{n,P}^n$.*

Proof. Using arguments as above we have $f_{n,nP} = f_{n,P} \circ \gamma^{-1}$. Then, using equation (6)

$$f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^{Mn} = (f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))^M)^{2^{3m} - NK} = f_{n,P}(\psi^{2^{3m}}(Q))^M$$

where $K = (2^m \mp 2^{(m+1)/2} + 1)$. The result follows in the usual way.

Defining

$$\eta_T(P, Q) = f_{n,P}(\psi(Q))$$

we have shown that

$$\eta_T(P, Q)^{M2n} = \langle P, \psi(Q) \rangle_N^{ML}.$$

In a later draft we will give formulae for the curves $y^2 = x^p - x + d$.

7 The Rubin-Silverberg approach

Rubin and Silverberg [13] (also see [14, 17]) have proposed an alternative way to view pairings on Abelian varieties. Their method can be thought of as a method for computing pairings on trace zero subvarieties of Weil restrictions of elliptic curves. A simpler way to think about their method is as a form of point compression for pairings on elliptic curves. We recall their approach in the case of characteristic 2.

Let $E_b : y^2 + y = x^3 + x + b$ with $b = 0, 1$ over \mathbb{F}_2 be the supersingular elliptic curves with embedding degree $k = 4$. The idea of Rubin and Silverberg is to compute pairings with points defined over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}$ where m is coprime to 12. This means that pairing values lie in $\mathbb{F}_{2^{12m}}$.

To transmit group elements, Rubin and Silverberg propose a compression method so that the element is represented using only 2 elements in \mathbb{F}_{2^m} . Hence, the bandwidth is about $2m$ bits but the finite field security is 2^{12m} , which corresponds to ‘security multiplier 6’.

The group $E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}})$ clearly has $E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m})$ as a subgroup. Indeed, we can write

$$E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}) \cong E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m}) \times A$$

where A is a finite group and one can check that the order of A is $2^{2m} \pm 2^{(3m+1)/2} + 2^m \pm 2^{(m+1)/2} + 1$. Note that this agrees with the group orders in Table 2.

The following result is an important classification of A .

Lemma 3. *Let m be coprime to 12. Let Tr be the trace map with respect to $\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}/\mathbb{F}_{2^m}$. Then $A = \{P \in E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}) : \text{Tr}(P) = 0\}$.*

The method is to perform pairing computations with the curve E over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}$ so that the pairing values lie in $\mathbb{F}_{2^{12m}}$. Suitable group orders are the same as in the genus 2 case (e.g. $m = 103$ with a 192-bit subgroup).

Write $\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}$ as $\mathbb{F}_{2^m}(\theta)$ where $\theta^3 = \theta + 1$. So points in $E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}})$ are represented as (x, y) where x is represented as a triple (x_0, x_1, x_2) over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} with respect to the basis $\{1, \theta, \theta^2\}$.

To transmit a point we first apply point compression so that we need send only the x -coordinate and a single bit determining the sign (sometimes even this bit can be removed). Then to transmit the x -coordinate just send x_0 and x_1 (and possibly another bit).

To recover (decompress) we must do the following: Given x_0 and x_1 compute an element $x_2 \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}$ such that there is a point P with x -coordinate (x_0, x_1, x_2) which satisfies $\text{Tr}(P) = 0$.

In this case the trace is $\text{Tr}(P) = P + \pi(P) + \pi^2(P)$ where π is the 2^m -power Frobenius map. So the condition is that $P, \pi(P)$ and $\pi^2(P)$ sum to zero, or in other words, lie on a straight line. The decompression procedure is to deduce which x_2 ensures that there is a line $l(x, y) = 0$ through the three points.

Let $P = (x_P, y_P)$ and write $l(x, y) = y + u_0x + u_1$ where $u_0, u_1 \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}$. Define $\bar{l}(x, y) = l(x, y) + 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} l(x, y)\bar{l}(x, y) &= y^2 + y + (u_0x + u_1) + (u_0x + u_1)^2 \\ &= x^3 + u_0^2x^2 + (u_0 + 1)x + (u_1^2 + u_1 + b). \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$l(x, y)\bar{l}(x, y) = (x - x_P)(x - x_{\pi(P)})(x - x_{\pi^2(P)}) = x^3 + Tx^2 + Sx + N$$

from which we deduce that $T = S^2 + 1$. One can check that $T = x_0$ and $S = x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2$. Hence x_2 is a solution to the equation

$$y^4 + x_1y^2 + (x_0^4 + x_0 + 1 + x_1^2) = 0.$$

Solving this equation involves solving a quadratic and then taking square roots. A single bit is needed to distinguish the two roots of the quadratic and to ensure a unique solution to the decompression process.

The total cost is solving a quadratic and then taking a square root, plus solving another quadratic to recover the y -coordinate of the point.

From a performance point of view it is essential to compare the running time of the pairing computation on the genus 2 curve with the Rubin-Silverberg method. In a general implementation, where we may be required to compute the pairing of general divisors on the genus 2 curve, then the Rubin-Silverberg approach may be superior.

8 Experimental results

8.1 The η pairing

The Jacobian of the supersingular genus 2 curve $y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + b$, defined over \mathbb{F}_2 , is a 2-dimensional Abelian variety over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} with embedding degree $k = 12$. Another way to get this Abelian variety is with the Rubin-Silverberg approach, by taking the $k = 4$ elliptic case and using the Rubin-Silverberg construction with $r = 3$, to obtain a 2-dimensional Abelian variety with embedding degree $3 \times 4 = 12$. We can use this to compare the performance of the η pairing in the elliptic and genus 2 case, by comparing the running time of the pairing using the Jacobian of the curve over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} with using $E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}})$.

Note: this does not take into account the cost of conversion between the Rubin-Silverberg Abelian variety representation and the elliptic curve over the larger field. The base-field size is chosen as $\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}}$ because the Jacobian has order 13 times a 192-bit prime.

Table 4 gives some running times for calculating the η pairing for two points. Case 1 illustrates the elliptic curve algorithm over the binary field $\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}}$, and is complemented by case 2 which refers to the Rubin-Silverberg approach for the field $\mathbb{F}_{2^{3 \cdot 103}}$. Case 3 uses the genus 2 algorithm over the field $\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}}$ with the

Table 4. Running times for pairing computation.

case	curve	optimisation	pairing time (ms)
1	$E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{239}})$	algorithm 2	3.16
2	$E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{3 \cdot 103}})$	algorithm 2	5.83
3	$C(\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}})$	single precomp	4.53
4	$C(\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}})$	double precomp	3.47
5	$C(\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}})$	unroll	3.14
6	$C(\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}})$	integrate $2q$ -power	3.20
7	$E(\mathbb{F}_{3^{97}})$	see [9]	4.05

formulae given in Appendix C, and precomputes the values $x_P^{(i)}$ and $y_P^{(i)}$. The precomputation time is included in the running time. Case 4 does this precomputation for both input points. Case 5 does likewise, except that it unrolls the pairing function computation, also described in Appendix C. Case 6 integrates the $2q$ exponentiation into the formulae, and also applies all previous optimisations. For comparison purposes, we finally provide the timings of an optimised pairing in characteristic 3 as case 7.

As can be seen from the table, the fastest hyperelliptic implementation is about 46% faster than the elliptic curve case in characteristic 2, and about 16% faster than the elliptic curve characteristic 3 case. Note that bringing the final $2q$ exponentiation into the formulae does not seem to provide any speedup.

In a later draft we will provide timings for the more efficient η_T pairings described in section 6.

8.2 Scalar Multiplication

Appendix A gives explicit formulae for calculating the group law for supersingular hyperelliptic curves of genus 2 of the form $y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + d$ defined over \mathbb{F}_2 . They are based on explicit formulae given in [11], and contain additional optimisations.

Scalar multiplication for a general divisor over the above curve is significantly faster using the octupling formulae given in Appendix A and 8-ary windowing, than using a plain sliding-window method (with window width 4). Table 5 gives the observed running times for these two methods. As can be seen, the octupling method is more than twice as fast as the sliding-window method. For comparison, we also include the running time for scalar multiplication over $\mathbb{F}_{3^{97}}$.

One of the potential advantages of using hyperelliptic curves is that the base field can be much smaller than that required for an elliptic curve, for the same level of security. Great potential savings can be realised if an element of the base field can be represented in a single machine word, rather than using a multi-precision representation, and for comparison with elliptic curves we regard it as quite “fair” to try to exploit this feature.

So in implementing arithmetic in the field $\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}}$ we take advantage of the 128-bit registers available to those processors, like the Pentium IV, which support

Table 5. Running times over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{103}}$.

Method	time (ms)
Sliding window	1.603
Octupling	0.588
9-ary over $\mathbb{F}_{3^{97}}$	1.028

the SSE2 instruction set, and have written a special function to carry out field multiplication using SSE2 instructions. This is twice as fast as a standard multi-precision implementation, and improves the overall timings by about 50%.

All timings were done on a Pentium IV running at 3 GHz.

9 Conclusions

We have presented the eta pairing approach to compute pairings on supersingular curves. This approach generalises and clarifies the Duursma-Lee algorithm. We have provided full examples of the method in characteristic 2 for genus 1 and 2, which turn out to be very efficiently implementable; in the former case we also described more efficient formulae for conventional arithmetic.

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A Supersingular hyperelliptic arithmetic

Tanja Lange describes general explicit formulae for arithmetic on the Jacobian of the hyperelliptic curve

$$y^2 + (h_2x^2 + h_1x + h_0)y = x^5 + f_4x^4 + f_3x^3 + f_2x^2 + f_1x + f_0$$

over any finite field. Here we consider the special case over \mathbb{F}_{2^m} with odd m where $h_2 = h_1 = 0$, $h_0 = 1$, $f_4 = f_2 = f_1 = 0$, $f_3 = 1$, $f_0 = d \in \mathbb{F}_2$, i.e. the supersingular hyperelliptic curve

$$y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + d.$$

We assume divisors in Mumford representation, hence as pairs $[u, v]$ for polynomials u and v where u is monic and $\deg(u) > \deg(v)$; the zero element is denoted $[1, 0]$. Algorithm 3 describes divisor doubling, algorithms 4 and 5 describe divisor addition, and algorithm 6 describes divisor octupling.

Algorithm 3 Doubling of a divisor $[u, v]$

INPUT: divisor $[u, v]$.OUTPUT: $[u', v'] = 2[u, v]$.

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1: if  $\deg(u) = 0$  then  $\triangleright [u, v] = [1, 0]$ 
2:    $[u', v'] \leftarrow [1, 0]$ 
3: else if  $\deg(u) = 1$  then  $\triangleright [u, v] = [x + u_0, v_0]$ 
4:    $u'_0 \leftarrow u_0^2, v'_1 \leftarrow u_0^2 + u'_0, v'_0 \leftarrow v_0^2 + d$ 
5:    $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x^2 + u'_0, v'_1x + v'_0] \triangleright (3S)$ 
6: else  $\triangleright [u, v] = [x^2 + u_1x + u_0, v_1x + v_0]$ 
7:   if  $u_1 = 0$  then
8:      $s'_0 \leftarrow v_1^2, l'_0 \leftarrow u_0s'_0$ 
9:      $u'_0 \leftarrow s_0^2$ 
10:     $w_1 \leftarrow s'_0 + 1, w_0 \leftarrow w_1 + u'_0 + u_0, w_1 \leftarrow u'_0w_1 + l'_0,$ 
11:     $v'_1 \leftarrow w_0 + v_1, v'_0 \leftarrow w_1 + v_0 + 1$ 
12:     $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x^2 + x + u'_0, v'_1x + v'_0] \triangleright (2S, 2M)$ 
13:   else if  $u_1 = 1$  then
14:      $s'_0 \leftarrow v_1^2, u'_0 \leftarrow s_0^2$ 
15:      $v'_0 \leftarrow s'_0(u'_0 + u_0^2 + u_0) + u'_0v_1 + v_0 + 1$ 
16:      $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x + u'_0, v'_0] \triangleright (3S, 2M)$ 
17:   else  $\triangleright u_1 \notin \{0, 1\}$ 
18:      $s'_1 \leftarrow 1 + u_1^2, s'_0 \leftarrow u_1s'_1 + v_1^2$ 
19:      $w_1 \leftarrow 1/s'_1, w_0 \leftarrow s'_0w_1$ 
20:      $l'_2 \leftarrow u_1 + w_0, l'_1 \leftarrow u_1w_0 + u_0, l'_0 \leftarrow u_0w_0$ 
21:      $u'_1 \leftarrow w_1^2, u'_0 \leftarrow w_0^2$ 
22:      $w_1 \leftarrow l'_2 + u'_1, w_0 \leftarrow u'_1w_1 + u'_0 + l'_1, w_1 \leftarrow u'_0w_1 + l'_0,$ 
23:      $v'_1 \leftarrow w_0s'_1 + v_1, v'_0 \leftarrow w_1s'_1 + v_0 + 1$ 
24:      $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x^2 + u'_1x + u'_0, v'_1x + v'_0] \triangleright (1, 4S, 8M)$ 
25:   end if
26: end if
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Algorithm 4 Addition of divisors $[u, v_1]$ and $[u, v_2]$, $v_1 \neq v_2$

INPUT: divisors $[u, v_1]$ and $[u, v_2]$ with $v_1 \neq v_2$.OUTPUT: $[u', v'] = [u, v_1] + [u, v_2]$.

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1: if  $v_2 = v_1 + 1$  then  $\triangleright [u, v_1] = -[u, v_2]$ 
2:    $[u', v'] \leftarrow [1, 0]$ 
3: else  $\triangleright u = x^2 + u_1x + u_0, v_i = v_{i1}x + v_{i0}, [u, v_i] = (P_1) + ((-1)^i P_2) - 2(\infty)$ 
4:    $w_0 \leftarrow (v_{10} + v_{20})u_1, z_0 \leftarrow v_{11}w_0 + v_{10}$ 
5:    $u'_0 \leftarrow w_0^2, v'_1 \leftarrow u_0^2 + u'_0, v'_0 \leftarrow z_0^2 + d$ 
6:    $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x^2 + u'_0, v'_1x + v'_0] \triangleright (3S, 2M)$ 
7: end if
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Algorithm 5 Addition of divisors $[u_1, v_1]$ and $[u_2, v_2]$, $u_1 \neq u_2$

INPUT: divisors $[u_1, v_1]$ and $[u_2, v_2]$ with $\deg(u_1) \leq \deg(u_2)$ and $u_1 \neq u_2$.OUTPUT: $[u', v'] = [u_1, v_1] + [u_2, v_2]$.

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1: if  $\deg(u_1) = 0$  then  $\triangleright [u_1, v_1] = [1, 0]$ 
2:    $[u', v'] \leftarrow [u_2, v_2]$ 
3: else if  $\deg(u_1) = 1$  then  $\triangleright u_1 = x + u_{10}, v_1 = v_{10}$ 
4:   if  $\deg(u_2) = 1$  then  $\triangleright u_2 = x + u_{20}, v_2 = v_{20}$ 
5:      $w_0 \leftarrow (u_{10} + u_{20})^{-1}, z_1 \leftarrow w_0(v_{10} + v_{20}), z_0 \leftarrow w_0(v_{20}u_{10} + v_{10}u_{20})$ 
6:      $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x^2 + (u_{10} + u_{20})x + u_{10}u_{20}, z_1x + z_0] \triangleright (I, 5M)$ 
7:   else  $\triangleright u_2 = x^2 + u_{21}x + u_{20}, v_2 = v_{21}x + v_{20}$ 
8:      $r \leftarrow u_{10}(u_{10} + u_{21}) + u_{20}, t \leftarrow v_{21}u_{10} + v_{20} + v_{10}$ 
9:     if  $r \neq 0$  then
10:        $s_0 \leftarrow r^{-1}t, w_0 \leftarrow s_0^2$ 
11:        $u'_1 \leftarrow u_{10} + u_{21} + w_0, u'_0 \leftarrow 1 + u_{21}^2 + r + w_0(u_{10} + u_{21})$ 
12:        $v'_1 \leftarrow s_0(u'_1 + u_{21}) + v_{21}, v'_0 \leftarrow s_0(u'_0 + u_{20}) + v_{20} + 1$ 
13:        $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x^2 + u'_1x + u'_0, v'_1x + v'_0] \triangleright (I, 2S, 6M)$ 
14:     else if  $t = 1$  then
15:        $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x + u_{21} + u_{10}, v_{21}(u_{21} + u_{10}) + v_{20}] \triangleright (3M)$ 
16:     else if  $u_{21} \neq 0$  then
17:        $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x + u_{21} + u_{10}, v_{21}(u_{21} + u_{10}) + v_{20}] + 2[u_1, v_1]$ 
18:     else
19:        $[u', v'] \leftarrow [u_1, v_1 + 1] + 2[u_2, v_2]$ 
20:     end if
21:   end if
22: else
23:    $z_0 \leftarrow u_{10} + u_{20}, z_1 \leftarrow u_{11} + u_{21}, z_2 \leftarrow u_{11}z_1 + z_0$ 
24:    $w_0 \leftarrow v_{10} + v_{20}, w_1 \leftarrow v_{11} + v_{21}, w_2 \leftarrow z_1w_1$ 
25:    $r \leftarrow z_0z_2 + z_1^2u_{10}, s'_1 \leftarrow z_1w_0 + z_0w_1, s'_0 \leftarrow z_2w_0 + u_{10}w_2$ 
26:   if  $r \neq 0$  then
27:     if  $s'_1 \neq 0$  then
28:        $w_1 \leftarrow (rs'_1)^{-1}, w_2 \leftarrow rw_1, w_3 \leftarrow s'^2_1w_1,$ 
29:        $w_4 \leftarrow rw_2, w_5 \leftarrow w^2_4, s''_0 \leftarrow s'_0w_2$ 
30:        $l'_2 \leftarrow u_{21} + s''_0, l'_1 \leftarrow u_{21}s''_0 + u_{20}, l'_0 \leftarrow u_{20}s''_0$ 
31:        $u'_1 \leftarrow z_1 + w_5, u'_0 \leftarrow s'^2_0 + z_2 + z_1w_5$ 
32:        $w_1 \leftarrow l'_2 + u'_1, w_2 \leftarrow u'_1w_1 + u'_0 + l'_1, v'_1 \leftarrow w_2w_3 + v_{21}$ 
33:        $w_2 \leftarrow u'_0w_1 + l'_0, v'_0 \leftarrow w_2w_3 + v_{20} + 1$ 
34:        $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x^2 + u'_1x + u'_0, v'_1x + v'_0] \triangleright (I, 4S, 20M)$ 
35:     else
36:        $t \leftarrow r^{-1}, s_0 \leftarrow s'_0t, w_0 \leftarrow s^2_0, w_1 \leftarrow s_0(u_{11} + w_0) + v_{21}$ 
37:        $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x + u_{11} + u_{21} + w_0, u'_0w_1 + s_0 + v_{20} + 1] \triangleright (I, 2S, 3M)$ 
38:     end if
39:   else let  $\gcd(u_1, u_2) = x + w_0$ 
40:      $w_1 \leftarrow u_{11} + w_0, w_2 \leftarrow u_{21} + w_0, z_1 \leftarrow v_{11}w_1 + v_{10}, z_2 \leftarrow v_{21}w_2 + v_{20}$ 
41:     if  $v_{11}w_0 + v_{10} = v_{21}w_0 + v_{20} \equiv z_0$  then
42:        $D_0 \leftarrow 2[x + w_0, z_0], D_1 \leftarrow [x + w_1, z_1] + D_0, D_2 \leftarrow [x + w_2, z_2] + D_1$ 
43:        $[u', v'] \leftarrow D_2$ 
44:     else
45:        $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x + w_1, z_1] + [x + w_2, z_2]$ 
46:     end if
47:   end if
48: end if
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Algorithm 6 Octupling of a divisor $[u, v]$

INPUT: divisor $[u, v]$.OUTPUT: $[u', v'] = 8[u, v]$.

- 1: **if** $\deg(u) = 2$ **then** $\triangleright [u, v] = [x^2 + u_1x + u_0, v_1x + v_0]$
 - 2: $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x^2 + u_1^{64}x + (u_1 + u_0 + 1)^{64}, (v_1 + u_1)^{64}x + (u_1 + u_0 + v_1 + v_0 + 1)^{64}]$
 - 3: **else if** $\deg(u) = 1$ **then** $\triangleright [u, v] = [x + u_0, v_0]$
 - 4: $[u', v'] \leftarrow [x + (u_0 + 1)^{64}, (v_0 + u_0^2 + 1)^{64}]$
 - 5: **else** $\triangleright [u, v] = [1, 0]$
 - 6: $[u', v'] \leftarrow [1, 0]$
 - 7: **end if**
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B The hyperelliptic function $f_{8,P}$

We now derive an explicit expression for the function $f_{8,P}$ needed for Miller's algorithm on the supersingular hyperelliptic curve $C_b : y^2 + y = x^5 + x^3 + b$.

Let $P = (x_P, y_P)$. We will consider divisors $D_n = n(P) - n(\infty)$. To achieve this we will consider the **reduced** divisor (via Cantor's algorithm) D'_n which is equivalent to D_n . We will consider functions such that $D_n = D'_n + (f_n)$.

The divisor $D_1 = (P) - (\infty)$ has Mumford representation

$$(a_1(x), b_1(x)) = (x + x_P, y_P).$$

We take the function $f_1 = 1$.

Now consider $D_2 = 2(P) - 2(\infty)$. One can show that this divisor has Mumford representation $(a_2(x), b_2(x)) = (x^2 + x_P^2, (x_P^4 + x_P^2)x + y_P^2)$. This divisor is reduced (so no reduction step in Cantor's algorithm is performed). Hence $D'_2 = D_2$ and so the function f_2 may be chosen to be 1.

Now consider $D_4 = 4(P) - 4(\infty)$. The Mumford representation (after performing the composition step of Cantor's algorithm) is

$$(a_4(x), b_4(x)) = (x^4 + x_P^4, x^3 + (x_P^8 + x_P^4)x^2 + (x_P^4)x + y_P^4).$$

This divisor is not reduced. We have $(b'_4 + b_4 + x^5 + x^3 + b)/a_4(x) = a'_4(x) = x^2 + x + (x_P^{16} + x_P^8)$ and $b'_4(x) := b_4(x) + 1 \bmod a'_4(x) = (x_P^{16} + 1)x + (y_P^8 + x_P^8 + x_P^{24} + 1)$.

We must consider functions and divisors. The divisor D_4 is equivalent to the divisor $D'_4 = E - 2(\infty)$ where E is effective. The divisor D'_4 has the Mumford representation $(a'_4(x), b'_4(x))$ given above. Denote by \overline{E} the 'negative' of E . The function $a_4(x)$ has divisor $4(P) + 4(\overline{P}) - 8(\infty)$ while the function $a'_4(x)$ has divisor $E + \overline{E} - 4(\infty)$. The function $y + b_4(x)$ has divisor $4(P) + \overline{E} - 6(\infty)$ while the function $y + b_4(x) + 1$ has divisor $4(\overline{P}) + E - 6(\infty)$. It follows that

$$((y + b_4(x))/a'_4(x)) = 4(P) - E - 2(\infty).$$

Hence we define $f_4 = (y + b_4(x))/a'_4(x)$ and we have $D_4 = D'_4 + (f_4)$.

Now for the final step (thankfully!). We double the divisor D'_4 using Cantor's composition rule to obtain $D''_8 = 2E - 4(\infty)$. Note that $D_8 = 2D_4 = 2(D'_4 + (f_4)) = D''_8 + (f_4^2)$. One computes the Mumford representation of D''_8 to be

$$(a''_8(x), b''_8(x)) = (a'_4(x)^2, (x_P^{32} + 1)x^2 + (x_P^{32} + x_P^{16})x + (y_P^{16} + x_P^{16} + x_P^{48} + 1))$$

and one can check that $((b'_8)^2 + b''_8 + f(x))/a''_8(x) = a'_8(x) = (x + (x_P^{64} + 1))$. Thus, $b'_8(x) := b''_8(x) + 1 \pmod{a'_8(x)} = y_P^{64} + x_P^{128} + 1$. Define $[8]P = (x_P^{64} + 1, y_P^{64} + x_P^{128} + 1)$. We obtain $D'_8 = ([8]P) - (\infty)$ which confirms the octupling formula for the point $[8]P$.

We now consider principal divisors. As before, $y + b''_8(x)$ has divisor $2E + ([8]P) - 5(\infty)$ and $(a'_8(x)) = ([8]P) + ([8]P) - 2(\infty)$. Hence we have $D''_8 = D'_8 + (f'_8)$ where $f'_8 = (y + b''_8(x))/a'_8(x)$.

Putting it all together, we get

$$(f_8) = 8(P) - ([8]P) - 7(\infty)$$

where

$$f_8 = \left(\frac{y + b_4(x)}{a'_4(x)} \right)^2 \frac{y + b''_8(x)}{a'_8(x)}.$$

C Efficient implementation of pairings in genus 2

C.1 Precomputation

We will precompute a table of powers of x_P and y_P (these are the initial input values for the point P) labelled as

$$x_P^{(i)} = \pi^i(x_P) = x_P^{2^i}, \quad \text{and} \quad y_P^{(i)} = \pi^i(y_P) = y_P^{2^i}$$

for $i = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$.

We focus on computing the term $f_{8,P}(\psi(Q))$ (i.e. we do not bring Frobenius actions into this computation).

Note that, at loop iteration i , the current value of the x -coordinate of $[2^{3i}]P$ can be written in terms of the precomputed initial values as

$$x_P^{(6i)} + \gamma_1(i)$$

where $\gamma_1(i)$ is 1 when i is odd and 0 otherwise. Similarly, the current value of the y -coordinate of $[2^{3i}]P$ is

$$y_P^{(6i)} + \gamma_1(i)x_P^{(6i+1)} + \gamma_3(i)$$

where $\gamma_3(i) = 1$ when $i \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ and 0 otherwise.

Obviously, in the above the exponents $6i$ in $x_P^{(6i)}$ are taken modulo m . One sees that they wrap around rapidly.

C.2 The α factor

Write $\alpha = (y + b_4(x))^2 \circ \psi$ as a function of (x_Q, y_Q) . We have $(y + b_4(x)) \circ \psi =$

$$y + s_2x^2 + s_1x + s_0 + (x + w)^3 + (x_P^8 + x_P^4)(x + w)^2 + (x_P^4)(x + w) + y_P^4$$

and squaring gives

$$y^2 + s_2^2 x^4 + s_1^2 x^2 + s_0^2 + x^6 + x^4 w^2 + x^2 w^4 + w^6 + (x_P^{16} + x_P^8)(x^4 + w^4) + (x_P^8)(x^2 + w^2) + y_P^8.$$

Now, $s_2^2 = (w^4 + 1)^2 = w$ and $s_1^2 = (w^2 + w^4)^2 = w^4 + w + 1$. Also, $s_0^2 = s_0 + w^5 + w^3$.

Expressing as a 12-tuple we get α as follows: The first component is

$$y^2 + x^2 + x^6 + 1 + (x_P^{16} + x_P^8)x^4 + x_P^8 x^2 + y_P^8$$

and the remaining components are

$$(x^4 + x^2, x^4 + 1 + x_P^8, 1 + 1, x^2 + x^2 + x_P^{16} + x_P^8, 1 + 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

which can be slightly simplified.

Finally, we want to evaluate this on (x_Q, y_Q) and to replace the current value for x_P with the precomputed values. We obtain the 12-tuple with first component

$$y_Q^2 + x_Q^6 + (x_P^{(6i+4)} + x_P^{(6i+3)})x_Q^4 + (x_P^{(6i+3)} + 1 + \gamma_1(i))x_Q^2 + y_P^{(6i+3)} + \gamma_1(i)x_P^{(6i+4)} + \gamma_3(i) + 1$$

and remaining components

$$(x_Q^4 + x_Q^2, x_Q^4 + x_P^{(6i+3)} + \gamma_1(i) + 1, 0, x_P^{(6i+4)} + x_P^{(6i+3)}, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

C.3 The β factor

We then do a similar thing for $\beta = (y + b_8'') \circ \psi$. We have

$$\beta = y + s_2 x^2 + s_1 x + s_0 + (x_P^{32} + 1)(x + w)^2 + (x_P^{32} + x_P^{16})(x + w) + (y_P^{16} + x_P^{16} + x_P^{48} + 1).$$

We expand $s_2 = 1 + w^4$ etc and write $x_P^{16} + x_P^{48} = x_P^{16}(1 + x_P^{32})$. Hence, β can be expressed as a 12-tuple with first component

$$y + (x_P^{32})x^2 + (x_P^{32} + x_P^{16})x + y_P^{16} + x_P^{16}(1 + x_P^{32}) + 1$$

and remaining components

$$(x_P^{32} + x_P^{16}, x + x_P^{32} + 1, 0, x^2 + x, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

Finally, we substitute $(x, y) = (x_Q, y_Q)$ and insert the precomputed values $x_P = x_P^{(6i)} + \gamma_1(i)$ and $y_P = y_P^{(6i)} + \gamma_1(i)x_P^{(6i+1)} + \gamma_3(i)$. Using the formula $\gamma_1(i)(1 + \gamma_1(i)) = 0$ gives the 12-tuple with first component

$$y_Q + (x_P^{(6i+5)} + \gamma_1(i))x_Q^2 + (x_P^{(6i+5)} + x_P^{(6i+4)})x_Q + y_P^{(6i+4)} + x_P^{(6i+4)} \left(x_P^{(6i+5)} + \gamma_1(i) + 1 \right) + \gamma_3(i) + 1.$$

and remaining components

$$(x_P^{(6i+5)} + x_P^{(6i+4)}, x_Q + x_P^{(6i+5)} + \gamma_1(i) + 1, 0, x_Q^2 + x_Q, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

It remains to multiply the α and β together efficiently. But first we consider how to absorb the powers of 8 into the equations.

C.4 Absorbing powers of 8

The eta pairing $\eta(P, Q)$ can be expressed as the product

$$\prod_{i=0}^{m-1} f_{8,2^{3i}P}(\psi(Q))^{2^{3(m-1-i)}}$$

where $f_{8,2^{3i}P} = \alpha\beta$ as described previously. The goal of this section is to write this as

$$\prod_{i=0}^{m-1} f_i$$

where each f_i is an equation which has the 2-power Frobenius action already brought into the equation. Using the formulae for α and β above we will compute $\alpha^{2^{3(m-1-i)}}$ and $\beta^{2^{3(m-1-i)}}$.

To achieve this efficiently requires precomputation of the 2-power Frobenius orbit of the point Q , so define for $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$

$$x_Q^{(i)} = x_Q^{2^i} \quad \text{and} \quad y_Q^{(i)} = y_Q^{2^i}.$$

The most delicate part of the argument is handling how w and s_0 behave under powering by $2^{3(m-1-i)}$. Recall that $w^8 = w + 1$ from which we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} s_0^8 &= s_0 + w^2 \\ s_0^{8^2} &= s_0 + 1 \\ s_0^{8^3} &= s_0 + w^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Note that m is coprime to 12 and so is odd. We have $w^8 = w + 1$ and so, since $m-1-i \equiv i \pmod{2}$ we have $w^{2^{3(m-1-i)}} = w + \gamma_1(i)$. The same formula holds when w is replaced by w^2 or w^4 . For s_0 note that if $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ then

$$s_0^{2^{3(m-1-i)}} = s_0 + \gamma_1(i)w^2 + \gamma_3(i)$$

while if $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ then

$$s_0^{2^{3(m-1-i)}} = s_0 + \gamma_1(i)w^2 + \gamma_3(i) + 1.$$

We denote by $\gamma_4(m, i)$ the value $\gamma_3(i)$ when $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $\gamma_3(i) + 1$ otherwise.

C.5 The α factor

The basic shape of the term α will be similar to previously, except a few extra terms due to equation (7). The process is simple, just bring the 2-power operation into the formula and simplify the ‘exponents’.

The “constant” term will be

$$\begin{aligned} & y_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} + (x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)})^3 + (x_P^{(3i+1)} + x_P^{(3i)})x_Q^{(3m-1-3i)} \\ & + (x_P^{(3i)} + \gamma_1(i) + 1)x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} + y_P^{(3i)} + \gamma_1(i)x_P^{(3i+1)} + \gamma_3(i) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

plus when $m - 1 - i$ is odd (i.e., when i is odd) another term must be added (coming from the fact that $(w^{2j})^8 = w^{2j} + 1$ and the s_0 term). We write this other term as

$$\gamma_1(i) \left(x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} + 1 + \gamma_1(i) + x_P^{(3i+1)} \right) + \gamma_4(m, i).$$

We can apply $\gamma_1(i)(1 + \gamma_1(i)) = 0$, cancel various terms and simplify the cubing of $x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)}$. The expression simplifies to

$$y_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} + (x_P^{(3i+1)} + x_P^{(3i)})x_Q^{(3m-1-3i)} + (x_P^{(3i)} + 1 + x_Q^{(3m-1-3i)})x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} + y_P^{(3i)} + \gamma_5(m)$$

where $\gamma_5(m) = 1$ if $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and 0 otherwise.

The remaining terms are (note that there is an additional $\gamma_1(i)w^2$ term due to the s_0 term):

$$(x_Q^{(3m-1-3i)} + x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)})w + (x_Q^{(3m-1-3i)} + x_P^{(3i)} + 1)w^2 + (x_P^{(3i+1)} + x_P^{(3i)})w^4 + s_0.$$

As usual, the indices inside round brackets should be reduced modulo m to the range $\{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$.

In terms of checking, this can be easily done in an implementation: in loop iteration i then this value should be equal to $\alpha^{2^{3(m-1-i)}}$.

C.6 The β factor

We now consider the β factor. One sees that the “constant term” of $\beta^{2^{3(m-1-i)}}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & y_Q^{(3m-3-3i)} + (x_P^{(3i+2)} + \gamma_1(i))x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} \\ & + (x_P^{(3i+2)} + x_P^{(3i+1)})x_Q^{(3m-3-3i)} + y_P^{(3i+1)} \\ & + x_P^{(3i+1)}(1 + \gamma_1(i) + x_P^{(3i+2)}) + \gamma_3(i) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

plus

$$\gamma_1(i) \left(x_P^{(3i+1)} + x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} + \gamma_1(i) + 1 \right) + \gamma_4(m, i).$$

This simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} & y_Q^{(3m-3-3i)} + x_P^{(3i+2)}x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} + (x_P^{(3i+2)} + x_P^{(3i+1)})x_Q^{(3m-3-3i)} \\ & + y_P^{(3i+1)} + x_P^{(3i+1)}(1 + x_P^{(3i+2)}) + \gamma_5(m). \end{aligned}$$

The remaining terms are (again, including a $\gamma_1(i)w^2$ term)

$$\begin{aligned} & (x_P^{(3i+2)} + x_P^{(3i+1)})w + (x_Q^{(3m-3-3i)} + x_P^{(3i+2)} + 1)w^2 \\ & + (x_Q^{(3m-2-3i)} + x_Q^{(3m-3-3i)})w^4 + s_0. \end{aligned}$$

C.7 Unrolling the $\alpha\beta$ multiplication

Let $\alpha = a + bw + cw^2 + dw^4 + s_0$ and $\beta = e + fw + gw^2 + hw^4 + s_0$, where α and β are the terms given in the sections C.5 and C.6. Recall that $w^6 = w^5 + w^3 + w^2 + 1$ and $s_0^2 = s_0 + w^5 + w^3$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\beta &= (a + bw + cw^2 + dw^4 + s_0)(e + fw + gw^2 + hw^4 + s_0) \\ &= ae + afw + agw^2 + ahw^4 + as_0 + \\ &\quad bew + bfw^2 + bgw^3 + bhw^5 + bws_0 + \\ &\quad cew^2 + cfw^3 + cgw^4 + ch(w^5 + w^3 + w^2 + 1) + cw^2s_0 + \\ &\quad dew^4 + dfw^5 + dg(w^5 + w^3 + w^2 + 1) + dh(w + 1) + dw^4s_0 + \\ &\quad es_0 + fws_0 + gw^2s_0 + hw^4s_0 + (s_0 + w^5 + w^3). \end{aligned}$$

Using the basis described earlier, this gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\beta &= (ae + ch + dg + dh) + \\ &\quad (af + be + dh)w + \\ &\quad (ag + bf + ce + ch + dg)w^2 + \\ &\quad (bg + cf + ch + dg + 1)w^3 + \\ &\quad (ah + cg + de)w^4 + \\ &\quad (bh + ch + df + dg + 1)w^5 + \\ &\quad (a + e + 1)s_0 + \\ &\quad (b + f)ws_0 + \\ &\quad (c + g)w^2s_0 + \\ &\quad (d + h)w^4s_0. \end{aligned}$$

We can eliminate some multiplications using Karatsuba in the following way. Let $dh = d \cdot h, dg = d \cdot g, ch = c \cdot h, cg = c \cdot g, ae = a \cdot e, bf = b \cdot f$. Then we can

write:

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha\beta = & (ae + ch + dg + dh) \\
& ((a + b) \cdot (f + e) + ae + bf + dh)w + \\
& ((a + c) \cdot (g + e) + ae + cg + bf + ch + dg)w^2 + \\
& ((b + c) \cdot (g + f) + bf + cg + ch + dg + 1)w^3 + \\
& ((a + d) \cdot (h + e) + ae + dh + cg)w^4 + \\
& ((b + d) \cdot (h + f) + bf + dh + ch + dg + 1)w^5 + \\
& (a + e + 1)s_0 + \\
& (b + f)ws_0 + \\
& (c + g)w^2s_0 + \\
& (d + h)w^4s_0.
\end{aligned}$$

D The general genus 2 pairing

As we mention in section 5.6, to compute a pairing between general elements $D_1 = (P_1) + (P_2) - 2(\infty)$ and $D_2 = (Q_1) + (Q_2) - 2(\infty)$ in the divisor class group of C it is necessary to compute

$$e(P_1, Q_1)e(P_1, Q_2)e(P_2, Q_1)e(P_2, Q_2).$$

There are a number of ways one might go about trying to optimise this general calculation.

- The most obvious is to only do the $2q$ and $q^2 - 1$ exponentiation at the end. So this strategy involves calling the eta function 4 times, with 3 multiplications over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{12m}}$ plus the exponentiations. The timing for this is 12.078 ms.
- The second strategy is to push all the computation into one function, pre-computing the powers of each point only once and avoiding extra multiplications over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{12m}}$. However, there's a penalty to be paid for having 8 arrays of M elements. Combined with the first strategy above, the timing for this technique is 11.938 ms.

So we did not observe a substantial speedup as compared to simply computing the eta pairing four times, without any additional optimisation.