Generation of "independent" points on elliptic curves by means of Mordell–Weil lattices

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Abstract. This article develops a novel method of generating "independent" points on an ordinary elliptic curve over a finite field of large characteristic. Such points are actively used, e.g., in the Pedersen vector commitment scheme and its modifications. The conventional generation consists in sampling points successively via a hash function to the elliptic curve. The new generation method equally satisfies the NUMS (Nothing Up My Sleeve) principle, but it works faster on average. In other words, instead of finding each point separately, it is suggested to sample several points at once with a non-small probability. Moreover, explicit formulas are represented for up to four "independent" points on any curve of j-invariant 0. Such curves are known to be very popular in elliptic cryptography.

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1 Introduction

A *commitment scheme* is a cryptographic primitive that allows one party to commit to a chosen value while keeping it hidden to others, with the ability to reveal the committed value later. Commitment schemes are designed so that the party cannot change the value after they have committed to it. They have important applications in a number of cryptographic protocols including secure coin flipping and zero-knowledge proofs.

There is the classic *Pedersen commitment scheme* [36, Section 3]. It works in any cyclic group with the hard discrete logarithm problem (DLP). However, throughout the article we will deal only with (a large subgroup $\mathbb{G}$ of) the $\mathbb{F}_q$-point group $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ of an elliptic curve E over a finite field $\mathbb{F}_q$. As is well known, today ordinary (i.e., non-supersingular) curves over fields of large characteristic p are considered the safest. And every cryptographer understands perfectly that the order $\ell := \#\mathbb{G}$ must be prime.

One can use a variant of the original Pedersen commitment (for $n = 1$) to commit to multiple values $(m_1, \cdots, m_n) \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^n$ at once (so-called *vector commitment*). For this purpose, we have to sample a vector of public points $(P_1, \cdots, P_n) \in$

$\mathbb{G}^n$, along with a fixed generator $P_0 \in \mathbb{G}$. Then the commitment is just the sum $m_0 P_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i P_i$, where $m_0 \in \mathbb{F}_\ell$ is an auxiliary value to ensure the security of the scheme.

Of course, we can simply commit to each m_i individually, but this solution is much less efficient in terms of memory and computing resources. Indeed, the full multi-scalar multiplication can be performed much more rapidly than each one $r_i P_0 + m_i P_1$ alone. Here $(r_1, \cdots, r_n) \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^n$ is another random vector playing the role of m_0. Besides, vector commitments provide a way to store or transmit only one element of the group $\mathbb{G}$ instead of a vector from $\mathbb{G}^n$. In real-world cryptography it happens that n reaches huge numbers such as $\approx 2^{30}$ as indicated, e.g., in [12].

The aforementioned primitive is also known as the *Pedersen hash (function)* $\mathbb{F}_\ell^n \to \mathbb{G}$ (see, e.g., [6]). It is provably secure, because its resistance is based on the *multi-dimensional DLP*. According to cryptanalysis performed in [21], [22] the given problem does not seem to be simpler in general than the classical DLP. Another advantage of the Pedersen hash is in its additive homomorphic property. All this positively distinguishes it from (Merkle hash tree [35] using) faster standard hash functions such as SHA-3 (Keccak).

Certainly, the Pedersen scheme is resistant only if the points P_i are *"independent"*, that is, nobody knows a non-trivial linear relation between them. In other words, it is hard to find values $(k_1, \cdots, k_n) \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^n$ such that $k_0 P_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} k_i P_i$ and at least one $k_i \neq 0$. Therefore, every point P_i must be generated in a transparent way. Be careful that, from the mathematical point of view, conversely, any two points depend on each other, since the group $\mathbb{G}$ is prime.

Over time, a malicious user may find some relation between the points P_i through a kind of brute-force attack. We have no guarantee that this cannot happen for concrete points, even though the multi-dimensional DLP is intractable in the general case. The fact is that for the large n there is the huge number of linear relations. At the same time, it is enough to find just one to break the Pedersen scheme. That is why, it is desirable for security to periodically change the points.

The author of [19] prefers the word "basis" and he admits that "updating the basis at every round is inefficient". Let's assume the opposite situation when the points P_i remain the same for a long time. Even in this situation, the task of their rapid generation is still important. First, the storage (resp., transmission) of the points requires a lot of memory (resp., bandwidth). And second, there is ground for a potential fault attack, because it is enough for an adversary to replace just one point.

As is known, the points P_i can be obtained by means of a hash function $\mathcal{H} : \{0,1\}^* \to \mathbb{G}$, for example as $P_i = \mathcal{H}(\text{seed}||i)$ (cf. [6, Section 5.1]). This approach forces to evaluate $\mathcal{H}$ exactly n times. The fastest constructed hash functions to elliptic curves extract one radical $\sqrt[m]{\cdot}$ in $\mathbb{F}_q$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Their actual classification is given in [28, Tables 1-2] (cf. [18]). And the existence of $\mathcal{H}$ without radicals at all is highly unlikely.

There is plenty of material devoted to extracting $\sqrt[m]{\cdot}$, starting with the seminal work of Adleman, Manders, and Miller [1] (see [5] as well). But despite this, $\sqrt[m]{\cdot}$ continues to be a much more expensive operation than the arithmetic ones in $\mathbb{F}_q$, namely $+$, $-$, $*$, and even $/$. Indeed, the latter can be implemented in a sub-quadratic bit time $O(\log^2(q))$. For instance, the less performant inversion operation is discussed in the papers [8,30]. In turn, as far as the author knows, existing algorithms of computing $\sqrt[m]{\cdot}$ need to carry out $O(m\log^4(q))$ bit operations in general. This estimate drops to $O(m\log^3(q))$ for certain fields $\mathbb{F}_q$. At best, i.e., when m and $q-1$ are relatively prime, $\sqrt[m]{\alpha} = \alpha^{m^{-1} \bmod q-1}$ (where $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q$) is nothing but one exponentiation in $\mathbb{F}_q$. It obviously has a complexity $O(\log^3(q))$ with a little constant behind O.

It is also worth noting the *Kate–Zaverucha–Goldberg (KZG) commitment scheme* (or just the *Kate commitment*) [26] based on pairings of elliptic curves. At the moment, this scheme is recognized by the cryptographic society as one of the best from the computational point of view. However, to deploy it a trusted setup is required. More concretely, the scheme substantially uses the points s^iP_0 (with a secret $s \in \mathbb{F}_\ell^*$) rather than arbitrary "independent" points. By the way, s^iP_0 can be utilized in the Pedersen scheme, but there is no necessity for that.

In comparison with the Pedersen protocol, KZG one is in fact a *polynomial commitment*. By definition, it allows a prover to commit to a polynomial $f = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} m_{i+1}x^i$, with the property that the prover can later convince a verifier of the equality $f(\alpha) = \beta$, given α, $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_\ell$. In addition, until n points of the form $\big(\alpha, f(\alpha)\big)$ are revealed, the polynomial f remains hidden, as should be clear.

It turns out that the Pedersen vector commitment can be supplemented to give rise to a polynomial commitment without a trusted setup (see, e.g., [11, Section 3], [17, Section 4.5]). Incidentally, those sources are dedicated to a protocol of so-called *recursive proof composition* using an *amicable pair* [43] of prime-order elliptic curves. More precisely, the latter are non-pairing-friendly curves $y^2 = x^3 + 5$ of j-invariant 0 under the name *Pasta curves (Pallas and Vesta)* [23] (cf. [24]).

These curves (and many others [2]) are defined over *highly* 2*-adic fields*, i.e., $2^e \mid q-1$ for a fairly large $e \in \mathbb{N}$. Such fields allow to utilize the *fast Fourier transform (FFT)* [17, Section 4.2] to speed up the polynomial arithmetic in numerous modern protocols. The downside is that one cannot express $\sqrt{\cdot} \in \mathbb{F}_q$ via one exponentiation in $\mathbb{F}_q$. We can always resort to other square root methods such as the *Tonelli–Shanks method* (see, e.g., [16, Algorithm 5.14]), but they are slower than the exponentiation operation. That is why, we should avoid square roots as far as possible.

2 Underlying mathematical preliminaries

Consider a finite field $\mathbb{F}_q$ of characteristic $p > 3$. The notion of an *elliptic surface* [38, Section 5], [41, Chapter III] over $\mathbb{F}_q$ is key for us. Without loss of generality, we can confine to a short Weierstrass form

$$\mathcal{E}\colon y^2 = x^3 + a(t)x + b(t) \quad \subset \quad \mathbb{A}^3_{(x,y,t)}$$

with polynomial coefficients $a(t)$, $b(t) \in \mathbb{F}_q[t]$. As usual, $\mathcal{E}$ is interpreted as an elliptic curve over the function field $F := \mathbb{F}_q(t)$ in one variable. From time to time, we will equally need the field $F' := \overline{\mathbb{F}_q}(t)$ over the algebraic closure $\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$.

Recall that the *Mordell–Weil group* of $\mathcal{E}$ is the abelian group $\mathcal{E}(F)$ of all F-points on $\mathcal{E}$. Due to a special case of the *Mordell–Weil theorem* [38, Section 3.3], the group $\mathcal{E}(F)$ is finitely generated. Its rank r is called the *Mordell–Weil rank* of $\mathcal{E}$. As always, $\mathcal{E}(F)_{tor}$ denotes the (finite) torsion subgroup of $\mathcal{E}(F)$. The quotient $\mathcal{E}(F)/\mathcal{E}(F)_{tor} \simeq \mathbb{Z}^r$ enjoys a positive-definite quadratic form $\widehat{h}$ under the name the *canonical height* or the *Néron–Tate height* [41, Section III.4]. The corresponding symmetric bilinear form $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and r-dimensional lattice are said to be the *height pairing* and the *Mordell–Weil lattice*, respectively (see [38, Section 6.5]).

As is customary, we are given an ordinary elliptic $\mathbb{F}_q$-curve $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$. Throughout the article, we assume the coincidence of the j-invariants, i.e., $j(E) = j(\mathcal{E})$. Such a surface $\mathcal{E}$ is said to be *isotrivial*. Note that $r = 0$ for *trivial (constant) elliptic surfaces* (s.t. $E \simeq_{F'} \mathcal{E}$), because elliptic curves are not rational. Hence, trivial surfaces are excluded from our consideration. By definition, $\mathcal{E}$ is a non-trivial twist of E. Since $p > 3$, the results of [42, Section X.5] about twisting elliptic curves are still relevant even though F is not a perfect field.

Let's define the function

$$c(t) := \begin{cases} \dfrac{a(t)b(t)}{ab} & \text{if} \quad ab \neq 0, \text{ i.e., } j(E) \notin \{0, 1728\}, \\ \dfrac{a(t)}{a} & \text{if} \quad b = 0, \text{ i.e., } j(E) = 1728, \\ \dfrac{b(t)}{b} & \text{if} \quad a = 0, \text{ i.e., } j(E) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let $d \in \{2, 4, 6\}$ be the order of the cyclic group $\mathrm{Aut}(E)$ and $s := \sqrt[d]{c(t)}$. The curves E, $\mathcal{E}$ are isomorphic precisely over the Kummer extension $F(s)/F$ of degree d. It is the function field of the superelliptic curve $C\colon s^d = c(t) \subset \mathbb{A}^2_{(t,s)}$. The corresponding isomorphism (from the proof of [42, Proposition III.1.4.(b)]) has the form

$$\varphi\colon \mathcal{E} \to E \qquad (x, y) \mapsto \Big(\frac{x}{z^2}, \frac{y}{z^3}\Big),$$

where

$$z := \begin{cases} \dfrac{as}{a(t)} = \dfrac{b(t)}{bs} & \text{if} \quad ab \neq 0, \text{ i.e., } j(E) \notin \{0, 1728\}, \\ s & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is worth saying that points from $\mathcal{E}(F)$ are nothing but $\mathbb{F}_q$-sections $\mathbb{A}^1_t \to \mathcal{E}$ of the projection pr_t to the variable t. Below, $\mathcal{E}_t$ stands for its fiber over $t \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$. Similarly, $\varphi_t : \mathcal{E}_t \to E$ denotes the specialization of φ. There is only a finite number of degenerate fibers, namely those for which the discriminant $\Delta(\mathcal{E}_t) = -16\big(4a^3(t) + 27b^2(t)\big)$ vanishes. Clearly, this happens exactly when φ_t

is meaningless. In this situation, $\varphi_t(x,y)=\infty$ is a convenient notation (for any map). Finally, given $t\in\mathbb{F}_q$, the condition $\mathcal{E}_t\simeq_{\mathbb{F}_q}E$ occurs iff φ_t is defined over $\mathbb{F}_q$ iff $s\in\mathbb{F}_q^*$.

To continue we lack certain results about the endomorphism rings of elliptic curves, which can be found in any classical source like [42, Sections III.9, V.3]. Since E is an ordinary $\mathbb{F}_q$-curve, new endomorphisms on it are not added when extending $\mathbb{F}_q$. It is also readily shown by exploiting φ that the coefficients of $F(s)$-endomorphisms on $\mathcal{E}$ in fact belong to F. Eventually,

$$\mathrm{End}(E/\mathbb{F}_q)=\mathrm{End}(E/F)=\mathrm{End}\big(E/F(s)\big)\simeq\mathrm{End}\big(\mathcal{E}/F(s)\big)=\mathrm{End}(\mathcal{E}/F).$$

By abuse of notation, we will identify all these rings by means of the single symbol $\mathcal{O}$.

As is well known, $\mathcal{O}$ is an order in the imaginary quadratic field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$, where $D:=t_q^2-4q$ and t_q is the trace (of the Frobenius) of $E/\mathbb{F}_q$. Furthermore, $\mathcal{O}=\mathbb{Z}\oplus\mathbb{Z}\phi$ for some endomorphism ϕ (with the dual one $\widehat{\phi}$). Recall that its characteristic (and at the same time, minimal) polynomial equals

$$\chi_\phi=x^2-\mathrm{tr}(\phi)x+\deg(\phi),\qquad\text{where}\qquad\mathrm{tr}(\phi):=\phi+\widehat{\phi},\qquad\deg(\phi):=\phi\cdot\widehat{\phi}.$$

As explained in [4, Appendix A], original *Schoof's algorithm* (see, e.g., [16, Algorithm 2.4]) for computing t_q is easily modified to compute $\mathrm{tr}(\phi)$ whenever ϕ is the composition of a bounded number of small-degree isogenies.

There is a natural action of the group $\mu_d\simeq\mathbb{Z}/d$ on the curve C and hence on its Jacobian J_C. Let's introduce the number

$$k:=\max\big\{k'\in\mathbb{N}\mid\text{exists a surjective }\mu_d\text{-equivariant }\mathbb{F}_q\text{-morphism }J_C\to E^{k'}\big\},$$

where μ_d acts diagonally on $E^{k'}$. By virtue of [31] (cf. [27, Sections 6, 7]), we have the sequence of homomorphisms of $\mathcal{O}$-modules

$$\mathcal{E}(F)\simeq\mathrm{Mor}_{\mu_d}(C,E)\to\mathrm{Hom}_{\mu_d}(J_C,E)\simeq\mathrm{Hom}(E^k,E)\simeq\mathrm{End}(E)^k.\qquad(1)$$

The first homomorphism maps $P\mapsto\varphi_P$ through φ in a clear way. The kernel of the second one consists of constant morphisms, which implies the equality $r=2k$. At last, the third one is not in any way a canonical isomorphism.

Likewise, we possess the sequence

$$\mathcal{E}\big(F(s)\big)\simeq E\big(F(s)\big)\simeq\mathrm{Mor}(C,E)\to\mathrm{Hom}(J_C,E)\simeq\mathrm{Hom}(E^K,E)\simeq\mathrm{End}(E)^K,$$

where the number K is defined by analogy with k after removing the μ_d-equivariance condition. Evidently, K does not exceed the geometric genus of C. And when K attains it, J_C is said to be a *ρ-maximal* (or *singular*) *abelian variety* [7, Proposition 3].

Looking ahead, the $\mathcal{O}$-module $\mathcal{E}\big(F(s)\big)$ gives an advantage over $\mathcal{E}(F)$ whenever $K>k$, which is possible solely if $d\in\{4,6\}$. Indeed, in Algorithm 1 one can evaluate any (not necessarily μ_d-equivariant) covers $\psi_1,\cdots,\psi_n\colon C\to E$ that are independent over $\mathcal{O}$. However, $\mathcal{E}\big(F(s)\big)$ is an awkward object that is more difficult to analyze than $\mathcal{E}(F)$. In Section 5.1 we will carry out such an analysis in a simple example.

3 New generation method and its running time

Let's keep the notation of the previous section. At the same time, consider an arbitrary cyclic $\mathbb{F}_q$-cover $\chi : C \to \mathbb{P}^1$ of degree $m \mid q-1$. In other words, the curve can be represented in the form $C\colon v^m = f(u) \subset \mathbb{A}^2_{(u,v)}$ for some $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[u]$ without roots of multiplicity $\geqslant m$. In particular, the earlier coordinates t, s are expressed via rational $\mathbb{F}_q$-functions in u, v and vice versa: $(t,s) = \tau(u,v)$ and $(u,v) = \tau^{-1}(t,s)$. When $m = d$, for our purposes, it will be sufficient to take $f = c(t)$ (or, equivalently, $\chi = pr_t$) and $\tau = \mathrm{id}$.

Pick any points $P_1, \cdots, P_n \in \mathcal{E}(F) \setminus \mathcal{E}(F)_{tor}$ linearly independent over $\mathcal{O}$. Given $u \in \mathbb{F}_q$, the scenario $\mathcal{E}_t \simeq_{\mathbb{F}_q} E$ evidently amounts to the fact that $v = \sqrt[m]{f(u)} \in \mathbb{F}_q$, unless $\tau(u,v)$ is meaningless or $\mathcal{E}_t$ is singular. If actually $v \in \mathbb{F}_q$, we obtain the n points $P_i(t) \in \mathcal{E}_t(\mathbb{F}_q) \simeq E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ at least for integral P_i. Since in discrete logarithm cryptography the group $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is (almost) prime, the specialized points (very often) become dependent for $n > 1$. However, an explicit non-trivial relation between them is not observed. Finally, whenever $\mathbb{G} \subsetneq E(\mathbb{F}_q)$, it remains to clear the cofactor to definitely fall into $\mathbb{G}$, but the resulting points are still "independent".

It is worth avoiding torsion points P_i, because they and hence $P_i(t)$ have tiny orders with respect to ℓ. It should be emphasized that the points have to be independent precisely over $\mathcal{O}$, and not just over $\mathbb{Z}$. Although 1, ϕ are linearly independent endomorphisms, their restrictions on $\mathbb{G}$ are not. Indeed, from $\mathbb{G} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/\ell$ it follows that $\mathrm{End}(\mathbb{G}) \simeq \mathbb{F}_\ell$. On the other hand, in practice $\mathbb{G} = E(\mathbb{F}_q)[\ell]$. As a consequence, there exists $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_\ell$ such that $\phi(P) = \lambda P$ for all $P \in \mathbb{G}$. In other terms, λ is a root of the characteristic polynomial $\chi_\phi \in \mathbb{F}_\ell[x]$, i.e., λ is an eigenvalue of $\phi|_{E[\ell]}$. Eventually, knowing χ_ϕ, we can determine λ with 50-percent confidence (100-percent one when ϕ is easy to evaluate).

Realizing ϕ as an abstract element of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$, we immediately get χ_ϕ, because $\widehat{\phi}$ is the complex conjugate of ϕ. In turn, the latter can be found via randomized *Bisson–Sutherland's algorithm* [9] (resp., deterministic *Kohel's* one [20, Section 25.4.2]). While in the worst case its running time is sub-exponential (resp., exponential), the curve E is usually generated once and for all by a certain regulator. It is not ruled out that ϕ is in its sleeve. That is why, we must not rely on the hardness of finding ϕ. In addition, implementors of elliptic cryptosystems often choose E for which, conversely, ϕ is a small-degree endomorphism known to all. This is done in order to enjoy the *GLV (Gallant–Lambert–Vanstone) scalar multiplication method* [20, Section 11.3.3].

Fix a cryptographic hash function $\eta : \{0,1\}^* \to \mathbb{F}_q$. We need to change $u = \eta(\mathrm{seed}||i)$, where $i \in \mathbb{N}$, while the desired requirement $\sqrt[m]{f(u)} \in \mathbb{F}_q$ is not met. So, the new generation method (formalized in Algorithm 1) is a priori non-constant-time. Nevertheless, this is not dangerous as regards timing attacks, because $\mathrm{seed}||i$ is public information. Frankly speaking, it is necessary to continue sampling u when we encounter one of the degenerate situations $\tau(u,v) = \infty$, $\varphi_t(x,y) = \infty$, or $P_i(t) = \infty$. However, they arise with negligible probability, so attention should not be paid to them anymore.

As cliché as it sounds, one can run the algorithm multiple times to generate as many points of $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ as needed if one cannot do it with a single run. The resulting points will be “independent” in total if we keep the hash function η, and at the same time, if we take, e.g., seed||0 as a new seed. Of course, the belief is based on the reliability of η. Nevertheless, it would be more efficient to maximize the number n as much as possible. For instance, the extreme case $n = 1$ is essentially what is currently often used in practice and what we want to avoid.

To go further we lack the *power residue symbol* $\left(\frac{\alpha}{q}\right)_m := \alpha^{(q-1)/m}$ (where $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_q$) generalizing the Legendre symbol (for $m = 2$). It is obviously a surjective homomorphism $\mathbb{F}_q^* \to \mu_m$ to the group of all m-th roots of unity. As is well known, to determine whether $f(u)$ is an m-th residue in $\mathbb{F}_q$ it is sufficient to check the equality $\left(\frac{f(u)}{q}\right)_m = 1$. Due to [25], computing the residue symbol for $m \leqslant 11$ is comparable in complexity $O(\log^2(q))$ to inverting in $\mathbb{F}_q^*$. Thereby, $\left(\frac{\cdot}{q}\right)_m$ is a much cheaper operation than extracting any root in $\mathbb{F}_q$. Thus, unlike the generation method with a hash function $\mathcal{H}\colon \{0,1\}^* \to E(\mathbb{F}_q)$, we obtain a set of “independent” $\mathbb{F}_q$-points on E with the cost of extracting only one root in $\mathbb{F}_q$ (of degree m).

The same thought occurs in [47, Section 3] to speed up (de)compression in the post-quantum *protocol SIDH (Supersingular Isogeny Diffie–Hellman)*, which is now fully broken [13,32,37]. Instead of applying a constant-time encoding (essentially $\mathcal{H}$) to an elliptic curve, the authors of that article prefer to “subvert” it to produce at once two independent (in the strict sense) points with high probability. They agree with the author that a randomized algorithm with one square root (and several Legendre symbols) is faster on average than a deterministic one with two square roots in the same field. Before the attacks, this was especially relevant for SIDH, since the given protocol was deployed over a highly 2-adic field.

The author does not attribute the following lemma to himself. It is proved just for the sake of completeness.

Lemma 1. *Let $m \mid q-1$ and $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[u]$ be a polynomial without roots of multiplicity $\geqslant m$. Given a random $u \in \mathbb{F}_q$, the probability that $\sqrt[m]{f(u)} \in \mathbb{F}_q$ equals*

$$\rho := \frac{N}{q} = \frac{1}{m} + O\Big(\frac{1}{\sqrt{q}}\Big), \qquad \text{where} \qquad N := \#\big\{u \in \mathbb{F}_q \mid \sqrt[m]{f(u)} \in \mathbb{F}_q\big\},$$

m, f are fixed, but $q \to +\infty$.

Proof. Let's extend the reasoning of [16, Section 8.2.1] from the case $m = 2$. As is customary, $p_a \in \mathbb{N}$ stands for the arithmetic genus of $C\colon v^m = f(u)$. Let n_0 be the number of $\mathbb{F}_q$-points on C of the form $(u, 0)$ and n_∞ be the number of those at infinity. Trivially, p_a, n_0, $n_\infty = O(1)$. Since C is known to be an absolutely irreducible curve, we have the *Weil–Aubry–Perret inequality*

$$|\#C(\mathbb{F}_q) - (q+1)| \leqslant 2p_a\sqrt{q} \qquad [3, \text{Corollary 2.4}],$$

Algorithm 1: New generation method

Data: a seed $\in \{0,1\}^*$ and a cryptographic hash function $\eta\colon \{0,1\}^* \to \mathbb{F}_q$,
an elliptic $\mathbb{F}_q$-curve E and an elliptic $\mathbb{F}_q$-surface $\mathcal{E}$ of the same j-invariant,
points $P_1, \cdots, P_n \in \mathcal{E}(F) \setminus \mathcal{E}(F)_{tor}$ independent over $\mathcal{O}$,
a superelliptic curve $C\colon v^m = f(u)$ (where $m \mid q-1$ and $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[u]$) such that
$E \simeq \mathcal{E}$ over the function field $\mathbb{F}_q(C)$.
Result: n "independent" points in $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$.
begin
  $i := 0$;
  $u := \eta(seed||i)$;
  while $\left(\frac{f(u)}{q}\right)_m \neq 1$ **do**
    $i := i + 1$;
    $u := \eta(seed||i)$;
  end
  $v := \sqrt[m]{f(u)}$;
  $(t, s) := \tau(u, v)$;
  return $\varphi_{P_1}(t, s), \cdots, \varphi_{P_n}(t, s)$.
end

where n_∞ is taken into account in $\#C(\mathbb{F}_q)$. Therefore, $\#C(\mathbb{F}_q) - q = O(\sqrt{q})$.

For compactness, we use below the auxiliary notation

$$\alpha(u) := \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \Big(\frac{f^i(u)}{q}\Big)_m, \qquad A := \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_q} \alpha(u).$$

From the equality $(x^m - 1)/(x - 1) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} x^i$ it follows that

$$\alpha(u) = \begin{cases} m & \text{if} \quad \sqrt[m]{f(u)} \in \mathbb{F}_q^*, \\ 1 & \text{if} \quad f(u) = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consequently,

$$\#C(\mathbb{F}_q) = A + n_\infty, \qquad N = \frac{A + n_0(m-1)}{m}.$$

Eventually,

$$\rho - \frac{1}{m} \;=\; \frac{A - q + n_0(m-1)}{mq} \;=\; \frac{\#C(\mathbb{F}_q) - n_\infty - q + n_0(m-1)}{mq} \;=$$

$$=\; \frac{O(\sqrt{q}) - n_\infty + n_0(m-1)}{mq} \;=\; O\Big(\frac{1}{\sqrt{q}}\Big).$$

Lemma 2. *The average-case complexity of Algorithm* 1 *is that of computing* m *symbols* $\left(\frac{\cdot}{q}\right)_m$ *and one radical* $\sqrt[m]{\cdot}$ *in* $\mathbb{F}_q$.

Proof. It is suggested to consider the probability ρ_k that for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ random independent elements $u_i \in \mathbb{F}_q$ the root $\sqrt[m]{f(u_i)} \notin \mathbb{F}_q$ and for the $(k+1)$-th one, conversely, $\sqrt[m]{f(u_{k+1})} \in \mathbb{F}_q$. By virtue of Lemma 1, we get:

$$\rho_k = x^k \cdot \frac{1}{m} = \frac{(m-1)^k}{m^{k+1}}, \qquad \text{where} \qquad x := \frac{m-1}{m}.$$

Denote by X the random variable returning $k+1$ with the probability ρ_k. It corresponds to the number of symbols $\left(\frac{\cdot}{q}\right)_m$ arising during the work of our algorithm.

By definition of average-case complexity, we need to compute the expected value

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(k+1)\rho_k = \frac{1}{m}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}(k+1)x^k$$

It is a classical fact that under the condition $|x| < 1$ (fulfilled for $m \in \mathbb{N}$) the geometric series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = 1/(1-x)$, hence

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{m}\Big(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{k+1}\Big)' = \frac{1}{m}\Big(\frac{x}{1-x}\Big)' = \frac{1}{m(1-x)^2} = m.$$

Bearing in mind the final m-th root extraction, the lemma is proved.

Due to (1), the number $n = r/2 \in \mathbb{N}$ is the most optimal in Algorithm 1. Besides, the smaller number m, simpler methods exist (over a general field $\mathbb{F}_q$) for finding $\left(\frac{\cdot}{q}\right)_m$ and $\sqrt[m]{\cdot}$, not to mention Lemma 2. The minimal possible m is the cyclic analogue

$$\gamma_c := \min\big\{\deg(\chi) \mid \chi\colon C \to \mathbb{P}^1 \text{ is a cyclic (i.e., Kummer) } \mathbb{F}_q\text{-cover}\big\}$$

of the *gonality* γ [33, Section 6.5.3] of the curve C. Trivially, $2 \leqslant \gamma \leqslant \gamma_c \leqslant d \leqslant 6$.

We see that the new generation method works more productively if the fraction $\delta := r/\gamma_c$ is greater. It is natural to call it the *relative Mordell–Weil rank* of $\mathcal{E}$. Of course, this notion is useless when $j(\mathcal{E}) \notin \{0, 1728\}$, that is, $d = 2$. In the opposite case, it seems quite difficult to determine the exact value γ_c, so it is reasonable to also introduce $\delta(\chi) := r/\deg(\chi)$ for any χ from the definition of γ_c. Then, $\delta = \max_\chi\{\delta(\chi)\}$.

The problem of maximizing δ has much in common with a classic one of pure mathematics about how big the conventional Mordell–Weil rank r can theoretically be for elliptic surfaces. Over an algebraically closed field of zero characteristic (or just $\mathbb{C}$) the current record equals 68 for the surfaces $\mathcal{E}_m\colon y^2 = x^3 + t^m + 1$ such that $360 \mid m$ (see [38, Section 13.2]). Be careful, there is a discrepancy with our previous notation $\mathcal{E}_t$ of a fiber.

Circumstances are drastically different in a prime characteristic p. There is no upper bound on r in the class of non-isotrivial surfaces [45], whose j-invariants are always ordinary. The same is true for (isotrivial) surfaces of supersingular j-invariants [44]. In fact, among those it is enough to confine to $\mathcal{E}_{p^e+1}$ (where

$e \in \mathbb{N}$) as shown in [39]. Surprisingly, in accordance with the articles [10,15], the rank r can be made arbitrarily large even in the class of isotrivial surfaces of ordinary j-invariants. However, it is not clear how constructive the results established in those articles.

4 The case of j-invariant 0

Hereafter, we focus on elliptic curves of j-invariant 0, that is, $a = a(t) = 0$, because they are popular in practice. Since we deal only with ordinary curves, $3 \mid q-1$ or, equivalently, a primitive cubic root $\omega = (-1+\sqrt{-3})/2$ of unity lies in $\mathbb{F}_q$ (see [42, Example V.4.4]). There is on E, $\mathcal{E}$ the automorphism $[\omega](x,y) = (\omega x, y)$ of order 3 and moreover $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$.

For any $m \mid q-1$ and $c \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$, consider the twist $\mathcal{E}_m : y^2 = x^3 + t^m + c$ of the aforementioned elliptic surface. Remarkably, the group $\mathcal{E}_m(F)$ is torsion-free regardless of m. Further, for $\mathcal{E}_m$ to be a *rational surface* it is necessary and sufficient that $m \leqslant 6$. These and other details about the surfaces $\mathcal{E}_m$ can be found in [39]. And the general theory of rational elliptic surfaces is discussed, e.g., in [38, Chapter 7].

It is also natural to denote the curve C from the previous sections by $C_m : bs^6 = t^m + c$. Its geometric genus $g(C_m)$ can be computed via a formula from [33, Section 5.1]. In this article, the author decided to concentrate only on the case $m \leqslant 6$, because it is the simplest and most investigated in the literature. For instance, C_6 is a twist of the *Fermat sextic curve* [7, Proposition 7], [31, Example 4.3]. It is hoped to study the opposite case $m > 6$ in future articles. From now on, the curve is represented in the form $C_m : t^m = bs^6 - c$. In terms of Section 3 this means that $f = bs^6 - c$, i.e., $\chi = pr_s$ and $(t,s) = (v,u)$.

Table 1 summarizes main information about the rational surfaces $\mathcal{E}_m$ over $\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$. It is provided for convenience of the reader, no more no less. First, (up to an isomorphism) the Mordell–Weil lattices $\mathcal{E}_m(F')$ are dual to some *root lattices* (E_8 is self-dual). By the way, a good survey of root lattices and their dual ones is given in [38, Section 2.3]. And second, the column $d_{\min}$ (resp., disc) contains the minimum norm (resp., discriminant) of the lattices.

Note that $0 < 1 < 4/3 < 3/2 < 8/5$ for the values from the column $r/m = \delta(pr_s)$. For Algorithm 1, the surface $\mathcal{E}_6$ does not provide any advantage with respect to $\mathcal{E}_3$. That is why, the former will not be considered in detail. In turn, the surface $\mathcal{E}_5$ is the best. Unfortunately, $5 \nmid q-1$ for Pasta curves, hence for them we have to be content with $\mathcal{E}_4$. So, we are able to generate 3 "independent" $\mathbb{F}_q$-points in such a way that the average running time coincides with that of computing 4 symbols $\left(\frac{\cdot}{q}\right)_4$ and one quartic root in $\mathbb{F}_q$. The latter can be obviously represented as 2 successive square roots. Alternatively, one can apply (a variation of) the Adleman–Manders–Miller algorithm in order to directly find $\sqrt[4]{\cdot}$.

It is time to remind that Pasta curves were designed, taking into account the existence of $\mathbb{F}_q$-isogenies of small degree (namely 3) from auxiliary elliptic curves of j-invariants different from 0. As a result, one of the state-of-the-art hash functions for Pasta curves is the *Wahby–Boneh hash function* $\mathcal{H}_{WB}$ [46]

m	$\mathcal{E}_m(F')$	r/m	$d_{\min}$	disc	$g(C_m)$
1	0	0			0
2	A_2^*	1	2/3	1/3	2
3	D_4^*	4/3	1	1/4	4
4	E_6^*	3/2	4/3	1/3	7
5	E_8	8/5	2	1	10
6		4/3			

Table 1. The rational surfaces $\mathcal{E}_m/\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$

based on the *simplified SWU (Shallue–van de Woestijne–Ulas)* one [18, Section 6.6.2]. It requires to compute one square root in $\mathbb{F}_q$ during the execution.

As said before, $\sqrt{\cdot}$ (as well as $\sqrt[4]{\cdot}$) is a laborious operation over highly 2-adic fields and Pasta curves are defined over such fields. Fortunately, their fields $\mathbb{F}_q$ are not highly 3-adic (more concretely, $27 \nmid q-1$). Therefore, the cubic root extraction in $\mathbb{F}_q$ can be performed by one exponentiation by virtue of [14, Proposition 1]. Thus, instead of $\mathcal{E}_4$, it might be wise to use the surface $\mathcal{E}_3$ to obtain 2 "independent" points at the price of 3 symbols $\left(\frac{\cdot}{q}\right)_3$ and one cubic root in $\mathbb{F}_q$. A detailed comparison of the two approaches can be made only after a quartic root method has been chosen. This is outside the scope of the present paper concentrating rather on mathematical aspects of cryptography.

Finally, the surface $\mathcal{E}_2$ is useless, because we always have the opportunity to exploit the more advantageous surface $\mathcal{E}_3$. Indeed, the author is not aware of practical situations in which $\mathbb{F}_q$ is a highly 3-adic field and, at the same time, 4, $5 \nmid q-1$. Even if this situation occurs (and $\mathcal{H}_{WB}$ is not applicable), it is enough to use the universal *SW hash function* [16, Sections 8.3.4, 8.4.2] with the same running time as for the method built on $\mathcal{E}_2$.

To sum up, methods of generating n "independent" $\mathbb{F}_q$-points on elliptic curves of j-invariant 0 are exhibited in Table 2. To justify its bottom row, it is demonstrated in the next section that for all $m \leqslant 5$ there is $c \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ for which the Mordell–Weil lattices of $\mathcal{E}_m/\mathbb{F}_q$ and $\mathcal{E}_m/\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$ coincide. To be precise, we will explicitly construct r (resp., $r/2$) minimal points $P_i \in \mathcal{E}_m(F)$ independent over $\mathbb{Z}$ (resp., $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$). Minimality is a useful property, since the size of point formulas is proportional to their canonical heights. Furthermore, P_i form a basis (cf. [34]), although this fact is not applied anywhere by us.

5 Linearly independent points in $\mathcal{E}_m(F)$

In the current section we will tacitly resort to the computer algebra system Magma. The corresponding code is loaded on the web page [29]. Besides, we will regularly use a folklore result that, given a pair of lattices $L' \subset L$ of the same

method	n	average complexity	conditions on q
classical with $\mathcal{H}\colon \{0,1\}^* \to E(\mathbb{F}_q)$	1	[28, Tables 1-2]	($\sqrt{\cdot}$ for $\mathcal{H}_{WB}$)
new with $\mathcal{E}_m$, where $2 \leqslant m \leqslant 5$	$m-1$	$m\left(\frac{\cdot}{q}\right)_m + \sqrt[m]{\cdot}$	$m \mid q-1$

Table 2. Generation methods for elliptic $\mathbb{F}_q$-curves E of j-invariant 0

rank, the squared index $[L : L']^2 = \mathrm{disc}(L')/\mathrm{disc}(L)$. In particular, $L = L'$ if and only if $\mathrm{disc}(L) = \mathrm{disc}(L')$.

5.1 The case $m = 2$

Assume that $\sqrt[3]{c} \in \mathbb{F}_q$. It is readily seen that the points $P_i := (-\omega^{i-1}\sqrt[3]{c}, t)$ belong to $\mathcal{E}_2(F)$. Any two of them are clearly independent over $\mathbb{Z}$ and dependent over $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$. The height pairing on the sublattice $\langle P_1, P_2\rangle \subset \mathcal{E}_2(F)$ is given by the Gram matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix},$$

where the i-th row and column correspond to P_i. Since $\det(M) = 1/3 = \mathrm{disc}(\mathrm{A}_2^*)$, the minimal points P_1, P_2 in fact constitute a $\mathbb{Z}$-basis of $\mathcal{E}_2(F) = \mathcal{E}_2(F') \simeq \mathrm{A}_2^*$. Consequently, $P := P_1$ is a generator over $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$.

In comparison with $m > 2$, the case under consideration is easier, hence let's dwell on it in more detail. The curve $C_2\colon t^2 = bs^6 - c$ is a famous hyperelliptic curve of geometric genus 2 (see, e.g., [7, Example 1]). There are two quadratic $\mathbb{F}_q$-covers

$$\begin{aligned} &\varphi_P\colon C_2 \to E \qquad (s,t) \mapsto \Big(\frac{-\sqrt[3]{c}}{s^2}, \frac{t}{s^3}\Big), \qquad \text{where} \qquad E\colon y^2 = x^3 + b, \\ &\varphi'\colon C_2 \to E' \qquad (s,t) \mapsto (bs^2, bt), \qquad\qquad\quad\ \ E'\colon y^2 = x^3 - b^2c. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that $\varphi_P \in \mathrm{Mor}_{\mu_6}(C_2, E)$ as always, but $\varphi' \notin \mathrm{Mor}_{\mu_6}(C_2, E')$. This immediately implies independency of φ_P, φ' over $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ after identifying the curves E, E' by an isomorphism, which exists at most over $\mathbb{F}_{q^6}$. In other words,

$$J_{C_2} \sim_{\mathbb{F}_q} E \times E' \sim_{\mathbb{F}_{q^6}} E^2.$$

Meanwhile, there are two $\mathbb{F}_q$-covers $C_2 \to E$ independent over $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ if and only if

$$J_{C_2} \sim_{\mathbb{F}_q} E^2 \ \Leftrightarrow\ E \sim_{\mathbb{F}_q} E' \ \Leftrightarrow\ E \simeq_{\mathbb{F}_q} E' \ \Leftrightarrow\ \sqrt[6]{-bc} \in \mathbb{F}_q \ \Leftrightarrow\ \sqrt{-bc}, \sqrt[3]{b} \in \mathbb{F}_q.$$

The first $\Leftrightarrow$ takes place according to uniqueness (up to an $\mathbb{F}_q$-isogeny) of the Jacobian decomposition into simple components. The second one follows from

the fact that E, E' are ordinary twists of each other. The remaining ones are evident. The restriction $\sqrt{-bc} \in \mathbb{F}_q$ is surmountable by picking $c = -b^3$. But despite this, for many curves E (including Pasta curves) $\sqrt[3]{b} \notin \mathbb{F}_q$.

5.2 The case $m = 3$

From the proof of [39, Proposition 5.2] we know that the sought points in $\mathcal{E}_3(F)$ have the form $(x, y) = (a_1 t + a_0, b_1 t + b_0)$ for some a_i, $b_i \in \mathbb{F}_q$. Substituting it into the equation of $\mathcal{E}_3$, we get the points

$$P_1 := \Big(-t, \frac{\sqrt{-3}\cdot u^3}{18}\Big), \qquad P_2 := \Big(-t + \frac{u^2}{3}, ut - \frac{u^3}{6}\Big),$$

where $u := \sqrt[6]{-108c}$, as well as $P_3 := [\omega]P_1$ and $P_4 := [\omega]P_2$. Note that $u \in \mathbb{F}_q$ if and only if $\sqrt{c}$, $\sqrt[3]{4c} \in \mathbb{F}_q$. Certainly, it is sufficient to just take $c = -1/108$ or, equivalently, $u = \sqrt[6]{1}$. This constant (and those from the next sections) has nothing to do with the variable u (and v) from Section 3.

The height pairing on the sublattice $\langle P_i \rangle_{i=1}^4 \subset \mathcal{E}_3(F)$ is given by the Gram matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where the i-th row and column correspond to P_i. Since $\det(M) = 1/4 = \operatorname{disc}(\mathrm{D}_4^*)$, the minimal points P_i constitute a $\mathbb{Z}$-basis of $\mathcal{E}_3(F) = \mathcal{E}_3(F') \simeq \mathrm{D}_4^*$. As a result, P_1, P_2 do a $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$-basis.

5.3 The case $m = 4$

In this section, $i := \sqrt{-1} \in \mathbb{F}_q$. Looking ahead, we also lack the values $v := 26\sqrt{3} - 45$ and $u := \sqrt[12]{2^6 3vc}$. The surface $\mathcal{E}_4$ over a non-closed field is discussed in the article [40]. From there we know that one can search for the desired points from $\mathcal{E}_4(F)$ in the form $(x, y) = (a_1 t + a_0, t^2 + b_1 t + b_0)$, substituting it into the equation of $\mathcal{E}_4$. In addition to $P_1 := (-\sqrt[3]{c}, t^2)$, we find a point P_2 with the coordinates

$$x_2 := ut + \frac{\sqrt{3}+3}{12}u^4, \qquad y_2 := t^2 + \frac{u^3}{2}t + \frac{\sqrt{3}+2}{8}u^6$$

and $P_3(t) := -P_2(it)$. Obviously, $u \in \mathbb{F}_q$ if and only if $\sqrt[4]{2^2 3vc}$, $\sqrt[3]{3vc} \in \mathbb{F}_q$. Inter alia, $\sqrt[3]{c} \in \mathbb{F}_q$, because $\sqrt[3]{3v} = 2\sqrt{3} - 3$. Of course, it is enough to just pick $c = 1/(2^6 3v)$ or, equivalently, $u = \sqrt[12]{1}$.

As usual, there are as well the counterparts $P_{3+j} := [\omega]P_j$, where $1 \leqslant j \leqslant 3$. The height pairing on the sublattice $\langle P_k\rangle_{k=1}^6 \subset \mathcal{E}_4(F)$ is given by the Gram matrix M such that

$$3M = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 4 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & 4 & -2 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 & -2 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

where the k-th row and column correspond to P_k. Since $\det(M) = 1/3 = \mathrm{disc}(\mathrm{E}_6^*)$, the minimal points P_k constitute a $\mathbb{Z}$-basis of $\mathcal{E}_4(F) = \mathcal{E}_4(F') \simeq \mathrm{E}_6^*$. As a result, P_j do a $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$-basis.

5.4 The case $m = 5$

Like $\mathcal{E}_4$, the surface $\mathcal{E}_5$ over a non-closed field is studied in article [40]. First of all, possessing $\zeta := \sqrt[5]{1} \in \mathbb{F}_q$, $\zeta \neq 1$, we besides have the root $\sqrt{5} = 2\zeta^3 + 2\zeta^2 + 1$. Also, we need the values

$$v := \sqrt{\frac{3(\sqrt{5}+5)}{2}} = \zeta^2(\zeta-1)\sqrt{-3},$$

$$\theta := 564300 + 252495\sqrt{5} + 170252\cdot v + 76074\sqrt{5}\cdot v, \qquad u := \sqrt[30]{60\cdot\theta c}.$$

Without further ado, one can just take $c = 1/(60\cdot\theta)$, that is, $u = \sqrt[30]{1}$.

It turns out to be enough to confine to points of the form

$$Q_u = \Big(\frac{1}{u^2}t^2 + a_1 t + a_0,\ \frac{1}{u^3}t^3 + b_2 t^2 + b_1 t + b_0\Big).$$

As earlier, the substitution of Q_u into the equation of $\mathcal{E}_5$ gives rise to a polynomial system. After that, one finds its solution

$$a_0 := -\frac{(8289\zeta^3 + 35113\zeta^2 + 43402\zeta + 21701)\omega + (26238\zeta^3 + 39650\zeta^2 + 21701\zeta - 2804)}{15}u^{10},$$

$$a_1 := -\frac{(58\zeta^3 + 246\zeta^2 + 304\zeta + 152)\omega + (184\zeta^3 + 278\zeta^2 + 152\zeta - 19)}{5}u^4,$$

$$b_0 := \frac{12a_0a_1 - a_1^3u^2 - 12a_0u^4 + 15a_1^2u^6 + 9a_1u^{10} + u^{14}}{16}u,$$

$$b_1 := \frac{12a_0 + 3a_1^2u^2 - 6a_1u^6 - u^{10}}{8u}, \qquad b_2 := \frac{3a_1 + u^4}{2u}.$$

Consider the points $P_i := Q_{\zeta^{i-1}u}$ and $P_{4+i} := [\omega]P_i = Q_{\omega\zeta^{i-1}u}$, where $1 \leqslant i \leqslant 4$. The height pairing on the sublattice $\langle P_k \rangle_{k=1}^{8} \subset \mathcal{E}_5(F)$ is given by the Gram matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where the k-th row and column correspond to P_k. Since $\det(M) = 1 = \mathrm{disc}(\mathrm{E}_8)$, the minimal points P_k constitute a $\mathbb{Z}$-basis of $\mathcal{E}_5(F) = \mathcal{E}_5(F') \simeq \mathrm{E}_8$. As a result, P_i do a $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$-basis.

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