

Sequences of Numbers Generated by Addition in Formal Groups and New Primality and Factorization Tests

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One can associate with an arbitrary algebraic formal group law F , defined over \mathbb{F}_p , a sequence $[n]_F(\bar{x}) (= [n-1]_F(\bar{x}) \oplus_F \bar{x})$. These sequences for various F (multiplicative group, reduced elliptic curves and Abelian varieties) provide a variety of new primality tests like Lucas' test for Mersenne primes. Implementations and relations with factorization algorithms are presented. © 1986 Academic Press, Inc.

The problem of distinguishing prime numbers from composite numbers and of resolving the latter into prime factors is known to be one of the most important and useful in arithmetic. It has engaged the industry and wisdom of ancient and modern geometers to such an extent that it would be superfluous to discuss the problem at length. Nevertheless we must confess that all methods that have been proposed thus far are either restricted to very special cases or are so laborious and prolix that even for numbers that do not exceed the limits of tables constructed by estimable men, i.e., for the numbers that do not yield to artificial methods, they try the patience of even the practiced calculator. And these methods do not apply at all to larger numbers.

C. F. Gauss, "Disquisitiones Arithmeticae" [GA1]

1. INTRODUCTION

This quotation from Gauss [GA1, PO1] is enough of a justification (if any, in addition to various "applied" problems, is necessary) to devote oneself to dividing various primality and factorization tests. Our interest in primality arose as a result of our work in formal groups in diophantine geometry [CH1]–[CH3]. While studying the properties of algebraic laws of addition [CH1, CH4] and integral formal groups associated with them, we realized that the properties of Frobenius map on formal groups mod p can serve as a primality test, generalizing various primality tests based on a converse to the Little Fermat theorem. Essentially, one tries to substitute multiplicative properties of integers by the properties of various formal groups mod n or mod p . The key testing sequence in our approach, is a sequence $\tilde{x}_n = [n]_F(\tilde{x}_1)$ ($\tilde{x}_{n-1} \oplus_F \tilde{x}_1$) obtained by applications of endo-

morphisms $[n]_{\bar{F}}(\cdot)$ of the formal group \bar{F} ("a multiplication by n " endomorphism). In the simplest cases of various formal groups—multiplicative groups mod p —one recovers standard powers x^n or, say, Lucas sequences $U_n \bmod p$. In these notations the Little Fermat theorem becomes "the law of apparition": the order $\tau(p)$ of $\tilde{x}_1 \bmod p$ in the sequence \tilde{x}_n is a divisor of the value $N_p = P(1)$ of the characteristic polynomial $P(x)$ of the Frobenius map $F_p: x_i \rightarrow x_i^p$ of \bar{F} at $x = 1$ (i.e., $\tilde{x}_m \equiv \tilde{0} \bmod p$ iff $\tau(p) | m$). We refer to Section 1 for the discussion of this law of apparition for formal groups \bar{F} arising from commutative algebraic groups (Abelian varieties and their extensions). As it turns out in Section 2, this law of apparition provides with a wide variety of primality tests for "suspect" n to be a prime, whenever various expressions n^\pm cooked up from n using various algebraic group laws \bar{F} are (completed or partially) factorizable. This method, that we tested for various elliptic curves and Abelian varieties with complex multiplication, is an extension of Lucas–Lehmer primality tests, where the primality of (a prime) n was proved whenever the complete factorization of $n + 1$ or $n - 1$ was known. Such $n \pm 1$ primality tests were developed by Brillhart, Lehmer, and Selfridge [BLS], building on earlier work of Lucas [LU1, LU2], Lehmer [LH1], Pocklington [POCK], and Proth [PRO]. The famous application of $n + 1$ primality test is the Lucas–Lehmer primality test for Mersenne numbers $M_p = 2^p - 1$: M_p is prime iff in the sequence $L_0 = 4$, $L_{n+1} = (L_n^2 - 2) \bmod M_p$, we have $L_{p-2} = 0$. These $n \pm 1$ tests were further extended by Williams, Judd, and Holte [WJ, WH] for tests involving partial factorization of $n^2 + 1$, $n^2 \pm n + 1$ and, in general, $\psi_q(n)$ for a cyclotomic polynomial ψ_q . Our " n^\pm " tests for primality of n include, for example, the test of primality of n of the form $n^2 = a^2 + D \cdot b^2$, is based on the knowledge of the (partial) factorization of $n^\pm = (a - 1)^2 + D \cdot b^2$. Higher dimensional CM-varieties yield primality test for number n , for which the (partial) factorization of $n^a \pm n^b + 1$ is known, for arbitrary integers $a > b$. These tests were applied to the sequences of numbers $s_m = \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha_0 \alpha_1^m + 1)$ with α_0, α_1 from an imaginary quadratic field $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$, that can be considered as algebraic generalizations of familiar numbers $ab^m \pm 1$ targeted for $n \pm 1$ primality tests. In Tables 1 and 2 (see explanations at the end of Section 2) we present primes of the form s_m for a few small D and α_0, α_1 having norms not exceeding 10.

Perhaps now it is the time to review briefly the existing primality and factorization algorithms [PO1, PO2, LE1, K1]. Among primality test based on the converse to the ordinary Little Fermat theorem, the most powerful test of primality, polynomial in n , is Miller's test [MI1, LE2] based on the assumption of the extended Riemann hypothesis for all Dirichlet L -functions. Another polynomial test is the probabilistic compositeness test [RA1] that "guarantees" primality with the probability $\geq 1 - \epsilon$ for $\epsilon > 0$. Finally, there is Adleman, Rumely, Pomerance, and Lenstra primality test

[PO1], [LE1], whose running time is $O((\log n)^{c \log \log \log n})$. Often $n \pm 1$ primality tests are significantly better, especially for particular n . Our n^\pm tests are efficient for all n . In particular, one can use them as a sieve for a large list of curves mod n with complex multiplications to prove the primality of a “probable prime” n for large n . Factorization algorithms are considerably slower. The simplest among them is Pollard’s ρ -method [POL1] (with the running time $O(\sqrt{p})$ for a divisor p of n). More sophisticated methods consist of Morrison–Brillharts’s continued fraction methods [MB1], Dixon’s method [DIX1], a linear sieve method (Schroeppel) and the quadratic sieve method (Pomerance). The running time of these methods is estimated in [PO2] and is $O(\exp(c\sqrt{\log n \log \log n}))$ for (various) $c > 1$. Similar to $n \pm 1$ primality tests, there were proposed $p - 1$ (Pollard [POL2]) and then $p + 1$ (Williams [WIL1], Guy and Conway [Guy]) factorization methods based on the (possible) factorization of $p \pm 1$ into a product of primes significantly smaller than the number n , whose prime factor p we want to find. Very recently, Lenstra (see [ML1]) has proposed a probabilistic algorithm generalizing the $p \pm 1$ method and based on the high probability of finding a random elliptic curve mod p with the number of points $N_p = p + 1 - a_p$ having prime factors small compared to p . The running time of Lenstra’s algorithm was estimated as $\exp((1 + o(1))\sqrt{\log n \log \log n})$. Meanwhile the record of the most wanted factorizations (up to 71 digits) belongs to Davis and Holdridge [DH1], who used the quadratic sieve on the Cray 1S.

This paper is written in an elementary and expository way, and we do not assume anything but the basic knowledge of number theory and geometry. This particularly concerns all the references to elliptic curves and Abelian varieties, where all explicit formulas are presented. Our main purpose is to present new methods for primality testing and generation of big prime numbers, and to discuss new versions of factorization methods.

In Section 1 we discuss one of the forms of the Little Fermat theorem as applied to the sequences \tilde{x}_n generated by the endomorphisms $[n]_{\bar{F}}(\cdot)$ of the formal group $\bar{F} \bmod p$ of an algebraic law of addition. In Section 3 we consider a more general sequence $\tilde{x}_\mu = [\mu]_{\bar{F}}(\tilde{x}_1)$ for $\mu \in \text{End}(\bar{F})$. The properties of \tilde{x}_m are applied in Section 2 in the construction of our new primality tests of numbers $n = \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbf{Q}}(\alpha)$, depending on the (partial) factorization of $n^\pm = \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbf{Q}}(\alpha \pm 1)$. These tests were in fact applied to various sequences s_m . In Section 3 we discuss arithmetic properties of the sequences \tilde{x}_m themselves, in particular, of the elliptic divisibility sequences introduced by Lucas [B1] and studied by Ward [W1]. We think that these elliptic divisibility sequences ψ_m and their generalizations provide with an interesting method of generating of very large primes, for ψ_m grow as $c^{m^2(1+o(1))}$ with $c > 1$. Some large probable primes among ψ_m are presented in the Table 3.

In Section 4 we present results of our studies of various forms of laws of addition for different models of elliptic curves and of their relative complexities. In Section 5 an implementation of a version of Lenstra's elliptic generalization of $p \pm 1$ factorization methods is presented, and recipes for various parameters and expected running time is presented. In Section 6 Abelian varieties and Jacobians of curves of $g > 1$ are discussed. We present some explicit formulas for addition of points on Abelian surfaces and we discuss the importance of curves with $g > 1$ for speeding up the primality and factorization algorithms. An old problem of ours [CH5] on the isogeny of the Jacobian of generic elliptic curves pops up here.¹

1. ALGEBRAIC GROUP LAWS

It is convenient to use the language of commutative formal groups, providing an easy invariant description of various algebraic group structures.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let A be a commutative ring. A commutative g -dimensional group law over A is (given by) a g -tuple $\bar{F}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = (F_1(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \dots, F_g(\bar{x}, \bar{y}))$ of formal power series in $2g$ variables $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_g)$ and $\bar{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_g)$ such that

- (1) $F_i(\bar{x}, 0) \equiv F_i(0, \bar{x}) \equiv x_i$;
- (2) $\bar{F}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \equiv \bar{F}(\bar{y}, \bar{x})$ (commutativity);
- (3) $\bar{F}(\bar{x}, \bar{F}(\bar{y}, \bar{z})) \equiv \bar{F}(\bar{F}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \bar{z})$ (associativity);
- (4) $\bar{F}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in A[[\bar{x}, \bar{y}]]^g$ (group laws are defined over A).

It follows from (1) that $F_i(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x_i + y_i \pmod{\text{terms of degree 2 in } (\bar{x}, \bar{y})}$.

Two g -dimensional group laws \bar{F} and \bar{G} over A are strongly isomorphic over A , if there exists a g -tuple $\bar{f}(\bar{x}) \in A[[\bar{x}]]^g$ of power series such that

$$\bar{f}(\bar{x}) = \bar{x} \pmod{\text{terms of degree 2 in } \bar{x}}$$

and

$$\bar{f}(\bar{F}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})) \equiv \bar{G}(\bar{f}(\bar{x}), \bar{f}(\bar{y})).$$

¹Note added in proof. Lenstra presented a detailed description of his algorithm in "Factoring integers with elliptic curves," 1986 (to appear).

All interesting (from the point of view of this paper) examples of formal group law arise from commutative algebraic groups. Here are a few relevant examples in the one-dimensional case:

EXAMPLES 1.2. (1) The additive formal group law

$$F_a(x, y) = x + y;$$

(2) The multiplicative formal group law

$$F_{\sqrt{D}}(x, y) = x + y + \sqrt{D} \cdot x \cdot y.$$

This law arises from the multiplication rule

$$(1 + \sqrt{D} \cdot F_{\sqrt{D}}) \equiv (1 + \sqrt{D} \cdot x) \cdot (1 + \sqrt{D} \cdot y);$$

(3) The circular formal group law:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{x + y}{1 + xy},$$

where $F(x, y) = \tanh(w + v)$ for $x = \tanh(v)$, $y = \tanh(w)$;

(4) The addition law for the lemniscate elliptic curve (an elliptic curve with complex multiplication by $i = \sqrt{-1}$):

$$v^2 = 1 - u^4,$$

$$F(x, y) = \frac{x\sqrt{1 - y^4} + y\sqrt{1 - x^4}}{1 + x^2y^2}.$$

The most interesting examples of commutative group laws with algebraic integral coefficients (\mathbb{Z} for 1.2, (1), (3); $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}]$ for 1.2 (4) and $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$ for 1.2 (2)) arise in the cases when

$$F_i(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \text{ are algebraic functions of } \bar{x} \text{ and } \bar{y}.$$

In these cases the Eisenstein theorem guarantees that only a finite number of primes divide the denominators of coefficients of the expansions of $\bar{F}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$.

In our works [CH4] and [CH1], we described the algebraic laws of addition, corresponding to algebraic power series $F_i(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$. After a proper normalization, the algebraic law of addition can be represented in the following form:

DEFINITION 1.3 ([CH1, 3.1]). Let K be an algebraic number field. Assume that the formal group law $\bar{F}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ is an algebraic function over $K(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$. This means that there exists an algebraic equation defining x_0 as a

function of \bar{x} : $q(x_0, \bar{x}) = 0$ and similarly defining y_0 as a function of \bar{y} : $q(y_0, \bar{y}) = 0$ such that $q(x_0, \bar{x})$ is a polynomial from $K[x_0, \bar{x}]$ with integral coefficients and the Taylor expansion of the branch $x_0 = x_0(\bar{x})$ of the root x_0 of $q(x_0, \bar{x}) = 0$ with the initial condition $x_0(\bar{0}) = 0$ in powers of \bar{x} (near $\bar{x} = \bar{0}$) has integral coefficients from K . Let us denote $\tilde{x} = (x_0, \bar{x})$ ($= (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_g)$) and $\tilde{y} = (y_0, \bar{y})$ ($= (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_g)$). Then near $\tilde{x} = \tilde{0}$ and $\tilde{y} = \tilde{0}$ we have

$$\bar{F}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \frac{\bar{P}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})}{Q(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})},$$

(with $x_0 = x_0(\bar{x})$, $y_0 = y_0(\bar{y})$), where $\bar{P}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = (P_1(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}), \dots, P_g(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}))$ and $Q(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ are polynomials in $2(g+1)$ variables \tilde{x} and \tilde{y} from $K[\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}]$ with integral coefficients.

Consequently, we can define a formal group law \bar{F} in the *rational form* as a function of $2(g+1)$ variables $\tilde{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_g)$ and $\tilde{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_g)$:

$$\tilde{x} \oplus_F \tilde{y} = \frac{\tilde{P}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})}{Q(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})} \quad (1.1)$$

for polynomials $\tilde{P} = (P_0, P_1, \dots, P_g)$ and Q in $K[\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}]$ with integral coefficients. Our normalization implies $Q(\tilde{0}, \tilde{0}) = 0$.

Introducing homogeneous coordinates, the law of addition (1.1) can be represented in the homogeneous *polynomial form*. As a function of $2(g+2)$ variables $X = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_g, x_{g+1})$, $Y = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_g, y_{g+1})$, the law of addition (1.1) can be written as

$$X \oplus_F Y = (P_0(X, Y), \dots, P_g(X, Y), Q(X, Y)). \quad (1.2)$$

According to Weil and Serre (see [SE1, W5]) all algebraic commutative group laws arise from the parametrization of "generalized Abelian varieties" which are, simple enough, Abelian varieties, or extensions of Abelian varieties by linear groups.

For example, 1-dimensional algebraic group laws are strictly isomorphic either to elliptic curve group laws, or their degenerations: multiplicative or additive group laws. Similarly, 2-dimensional algebraic group laws are strictly isomorphic either to group laws of 2-dimensional Abelian varieties (the general case) or to their degenerations: extensions of elliptic curves by multiplicative or additive groups, or products of two elliptic curves, multiplicative or additive groups.

Most of the properties of Abelian varieties mod p are reflected in their group laws structure, and are invariant under (a strict) isomorphism. That is

why it is important to have a simple criterion of a (strict) isomorphism between two Abelian varieties mod p . Such criteria exist in 1-dimensional case (Honda [H2]), and in g -dimensional case one has to be satisfied with the isogeny criterion of Tate [T1, T2]:

THEOREM 1.4 [T1, T2]. *g -dimensional Abelian varieties over \mathbb{F}_q are isogenous (in particular, have the same number of points over \mathbb{F}_q) over \mathbb{F}_q , if and only if the characteristic polynomials of Frobenius map $F_q: x_i \rightarrow x_i^q$ of these Abelian varieties coincide.*

According to Honda–Tate results [T2, H1], a class of characteristic polynomials of the Frobenius F_q for all g -dimensional Abelian varieties over \mathbb{F}_q coincides with the class of polynomials $P_{2g}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ with the leading coefficient one, degree $2g$, and the property

$$|\alpha_i| = \sqrt{q}$$

for any root α_i of $P_{2g}(x) = 0$.

Given a characteristic polynomial $P_{2g}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{2g} (x - \alpha_i)$ of a g -dimensional Abelian variety A_g over \mathbb{F}_p , we conclude that the number of points on A_g/\mathbb{F}_p is $P_{2g}(1) = \prod_{i=1}^{2g} (\alpha_i - 1)$. Moreover, since A_g/\mathbb{F}_p is a group, the order of every element of A_g/\mathbb{F}_p divides $P_{2g}(1)$ as well. (We note that if \mathbb{F}_p is substituted by \mathbb{F}_{p^a} , then α_i is substituted by α_i^a).

The order (or, at least, the number of elements in the group variety over \mathbb{F}_q) of an element of a group variety over \mathbb{F}_q is relevant for primality and factorization algorithms. A key testing sequence associated with a given group law \bar{F} is defined as a sequence of natural endomorphisms of \bar{F} :

$$\begin{aligned} [0]_F(\bar{x}) &= \bar{0}; \\ [n]_F(\bar{x}) &= \bar{F}([n-1]_F(\bar{x}), \bar{x}): n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Whenever \bar{F} is an algebraic group law, the sequence of endomorphisms $[n]_F$ defines a sequence of $(g+1)$ -tuples

$$\tilde{x}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [n]_F(\tilde{x}); \quad \tilde{x}_1 = \tilde{x}$$

starting from an arbitrary point \tilde{x} on (a model of) algebraic group variety (in the affine form). The sequence $\tilde{x}_n: n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, is defined recursively by means of rational expressions. If it is preferable to avoid the division (as it is prudent in mod p arithmetic), the homogeneous polynomial form of a group law can be used:

$$X_n = [n]_F(X), \quad X_1 = X$$

for $(g + 2)$ -tuples, generating a sequence of points on a (projective model of an) algebraic group variety.

The sequences \tilde{x}_n or X_n provide the following version of the Fermat's Little theorem which is a basis of primality and factorization algorithms. We use the terminology common in the theory of recurrent sequences, particularly those defined by linear recurrences with constant coefficients. For a sequence W_m , it is common to call the "rank of apparition of p " of W_m an integer $\tau(p)$ (if it exists), such that

$$W_m = 0 \bmod p$$

if and only if $\tau(p) | m$.

We naturally extend this notion to the sequences \tilde{x}_m and X_m . Then the Little Fermat theorem can be reformulated as follows:

FERMAT THEOREM 1.5. *Let an algebraic group A be defined over \mathbb{F}_q (e.g., is a reduction of an algebraic group scheme defined over $\mathbb{Z}[1/N]$ for $(N, p) = 1$) and let $P(x) = x^e + a_1 x^{e-1} + \dots + a_e$ be the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius endomorphism F_q of A (e.g., $p | a_e$). Then the rank of apparition of p exists for any sequence \tilde{x}_m and X_m in A/\mathbb{F}_q , and this rank, $\tau(p)$, divides $P(1)$. I.e.,*

$$\tilde{x}_m = \tilde{0} \quad \text{in } A/\mathbb{F}_q$$

or

$$X_m = \bar{\bar{0}} \quad \text{in } A/\mathbb{F}_q$$

if and only if

$$\tau(p) | m$$

for $\tau(p) | P(1)$.

Here $\tilde{0}$ (or $\bar{\bar{0}}$) is a neutral (zero) element of A/\mathbb{F}_q ; with a proper normalization of Definition 1.3 it is

$$\underbrace{(0, \dots, 0)}_{g+1} \left(\text{or } \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0, 1)}_{g+1} \right).$$

The quantity $P(1)$, usually denoted by $N_q (= N_q(A))$, is the crucial arithmetic invariant of A/\mathbb{F}_q . Known as "the number of points on A/\mathbb{F}_q ," this quantity enters the definition of ζ -function of A . See [W6, Ka1] for detailed references on this subject, with an obvious simplification due to the fact that A is an Abelian variety, not an arbitrary algebraic.

The Fermat theorem 1.5 is a consequence of the following identity, satisfied by the Frobenius $F = F_q$ of A :

$$P(F) = F^e + a_1 F^{e-1} + \dots + a_e \cdot I. \quad (1.3)$$

In fact, (1.3) is a functorial identity satisfied in a formal group of A (see [Ka1]).

A few examples are in order. They are: (1) a standard multiplicative group G_m : $F_m(x, y) = x + y + xy$; (2) a multiplicative group $F_{\sqrt{D}}$ over $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{D}]$, and (3) an arbitrary Abelian variety of CM-type.

EXAMPLES 1.6. (1) $x^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for any $x \pmod{p}$, $x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

(2) Let P, Q be rational integers, such that $D = p^2 - 4Q$, and let the Lucas sequence U_n be defined as $U_n = (\alpha^n - \beta^n)/(\alpha - \beta)$ for roots α, β of $x^2 - Px + Q = 0$. Then for $(p, 2QD) = 1$, we have

$$U_{p-(D/p)} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

where (D/p) denotes a Jacobi symbol.

(3) Let K be a CM-field, i.e., an imaginary quadratic extension of a totally real field, $[K:\mathbb{Q}] = 2g$. Let α be an element of K such that $|\alpha^{(i)}| = \sqrt{p}$ for all $\alpha^{(i)}$, conjugate to α .

Then, as we saw above, there exists an Abelian variety A over \mathbb{F}_p such that the characteristic polynomial $P_{2g}(x)$ of F_p on A coincides with $\prod_{i=1}^{2g}(x - \alpha^{(i)})$. Then for an arbitrary sequence \tilde{x}_m (or X_m) on A we have

$$\tilde{x}_{\text{Norm}(\alpha-1)} \equiv \tilde{0} \pmod{p}$$

or

$$X_{\text{Norm}(\alpha-1)} \equiv \bar{0} \pmod{p}.$$

Here $\text{Norm}(\alpha) = p^g$.

In fact, case (3) covers all elliptic curves over \mathbb{F}_p , since elliptic curves over finite fields always have a complex multiplication [H1].

For the sake of completeness and future references, let E be an elliptic curve over \mathbb{F}_p (a 1-dimensional algebraic group variety) and $p \neq 2, 3$. The characteristic polynomial of F_p on E is a quadratic one:

$$P_2(x) = x^2 - a_p x + p,$$

where

$$-2\sqrt{p} < a_p < 2\sqrt{p}.$$

Then, starting from an arbitrary point \tilde{x} on E (an affine model) or X (a projective model) on E , we obtain

$$\tilde{x}_n \equiv \tilde{0} \pmod{p}$$

or

$$X_n \equiv \bar{0} \pmod{p}$$

whenever

$$(p + 1 - a_p) | n.$$

For example, if E is given in the standard form $y^2 = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$ ($= P_3(x)$) or $v^2 = u^4 + b_3u^3 + b_2u^2 + b_1u + b_0$ ($= P_4(u)$), and for $p \neq 2, 3$ this is the most general form of an elliptic curve,

$$N_p (= N_p(E)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p + 1 - a_p$$

is the number of points $E \bmod p$. (This is the same as the number of solutions of the congruences of the homogeneous forms of $y^2 = P_3(x) \bmod p$, or $v^2 = P_4(u) \bmod p$.)

Various models (forms of the equations) of elliptic curves are discussed below. We present now one such model, where the expression for a_p has a familiar form [C11].

Let us assume that an equation defining E is reduced to the Legendre form $E_\lambda: y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$. Then $a_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a_p(\lambda)$ is $(-1)^{(p-1)/2} \cdot P_{(p-1)/2}(\lambda) \bmod p$, where $P_n(\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m}^2 \lambda^m$ is a (normalized) Legendre polynomial.

We remark, that every elliptic curve having 4 points of order two, defined over \mathbb{F}_p , can be reduced to the form E_λ for some $\lambda \bmod p$, $\lambda \neq 0, 1$.

The Little Fermat theorem for elliptic curves E_λ can be restated as follows: In the projective form, for a point

$$\tilde{x} = (x, y) = \left(\frac{X}{Z^2}, \frac{Y}{Z^3} \right)$$

on E_λ , let

$$\tilde{x}_m = [m]_{E_\lambda}(\tilde{x}) = \left(\frac{X_m}{Z_m^2}, \frac{Y_m}{Z_m^3} \right).$$

Then

$$Z_m \equiv 0 \bmod p$$

for all m , divisible by $(p + 1 - a_p(\lambda))/4$ (which is an integer).

2. PRIMALITY TESTS AND THEIR ELLIPTIC GENERALIZATIONS

Little Fermat's theorem is the most efficient primality test. Say, the congruence

$$3^{n-1} \equiv 1 \bmod n \tag{2.1}$$

is a necessary condition for $n > 3$ to be a prime. As Knuth [K1] notes, (2.1)

is also an efficient “practically sufficient” condition of primality of n , having no small factors (though there are infinitely many composite n satisfying (2.1)).

It was known for some time that the knowledge of a complete factorization of $n - 1$ is sufficient to *prove* the primality of n [BLS, LU1]:

PROPOSITION 2.1 (Selfridge [BS1]). *If, for every prime divisor p of $n - 1$ there exist x_p such that $x_p^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ but $x_p^{(n-1)/p} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, then n is prime.*

In fact, only a partial factorization of $n - 1$ is necessary. For example, we have

PROPOSITION 2.2 (Pocklington [POCK, BLS]). *Let $n - 1 = F_1 \cdot R_1$, where $F_1 > \sqrt{n}$. If, for every divisor p of F_1 there exists x_p such that $x_p^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ and $(x_p^{(n-1)/p} - 1, n) = 1$, then n is prime.*

In practice these tests are excellent, especially when n is of the form $n = a \cdot b^m + 1$. The most famous is

PROPOSITION 2.3 (Proth [PRO], 1878). *Let $n = k \cdot 2^m + 1$, where $k < 2^m$. If $3 \nmid k$, then n is prime if and only if $3^{(n-1)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$. If $3 \mid k$, then choose a such that $(a/n) = -1$. n is prime if and only if $a^{(n-1)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$.*

Lucas (see [LU2]) was the first to use (Lucasian) sequences U_m to formulate primality criteria of n , whenever the factorization of $n + 1$ is known. Of course, in this case to satisfy the requirements of the Little Fermat theorem (Examples 1.6(2)), the discriminant D of the multiplicative group has to satisfy

$$(D/n) = -1.$$

Even the partial factorization of $n + 1$ suffices:

PROPOSITION 2.4 (Brillhart, Lehmer, Selfridge [BLS]). *Let $n + 1 = F_2 \cdot R_2$ and $F_2 > \sqrt{n} + 1$. If, for each prime p , dividing F_2 there exists a Lucas' sequence $\{U_m^{(p)}\}$ with discriminant D , for which $(D/n) = -1$, $n \nmid U_{n+1}^{(p)}$ and $(U_{(n+1)/p}^{(p)}, n) = 1$, then n is prime.*

The most famous example of this approach is the Lucas–Lehmer criterion of primality of Mersenne numbers $M_p = 2^p - 1$:

PROPOSITION 2.5 (Lucas and Lehmer [LU1, LH1]). *Let in the definition of Lucas' sequence $P = 4$, $Q = 1$. Then M_p is prime if and only if $U_{2^{p-1}} \equiv \text{mod } M_p$.*

The Lucas–Lehmer criterion is attractive particularly because to compute $U_{2^{p-1}} \pmod{M_p}$ one needs only p multiplications (not 2^{p-1}). This is typical

for any algebraic group law because $[2^m]_F(x)$ can be computed in m iterations of $[2]_F(\cdot)$ (see below). Using the duplication formulas (applied to the multiplicative group law $F_{\sqrt{D}}$), the Lucas–Lehmer criterion is usually restated as follows:

COROLLARY 2.6 [LH1, BLSTW]. *Let $L_0 = 4$, $L_{n+1} = (L_n^2 - 2) \bmod M_p$. Then $M_p (= 2^p - 1)$ is prime if and only if $L_{p-2} = 0$.*

Similar criteria of primality were developed by Lehmer [LH2], Riesel [Ri1], Inkeri [IN1], Williams [WIL2, BLSTW] for numbers $a \cdot b^m - 1$ for $b = 2, 3$, and by Williams [WIL3] for some numbers of the form $a_2 \cdot b^{2m} + a_1 \cdot b^m - 1$.

Since the factorization of $n \pm 1$ is useful in the proof of primality of n , Brillhart, Lehmer, and Selfridge [BLS, BLSTW] proposed a test that uses partial factorization of $n + 1$ and $n - 1$. Later Williams *et al.* [WH, WJ] proposed a series of tests for primality of n , when factorization of

$$n^2 + 1, \quad n^2 \pm n + 1, \quad (n^5 \pm 1)/(n \pm 1)$$

is known (see also [BS]).

The corresponding analogs of the Little Fermat's theorem and its converses in these cases correspond to the degenerate Abelian varieties of CM type associated with cyclotomic fields.

Let us now present elliptic versions of “ $n \pm 1$ ” criterion of primality of n , generalizing Lucas–Lehmer criteria. These criteria were the starting point in our investigation of formal group algorithms in November of 1984 [CH1].

The principle of these algorithms is the following. Let n be a norm of an integer from an imaginary quadratic field $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$, $D > 0$:

$$n = \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbf{Q}}(\alpha). \quad (2.2)$$

Then the knowledge of the (complete or partial) factorization of the following numbers:

$$n \pm 1 = \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbf{Q}}(\alpha \pm 1) \quad (2.3)$$

determines the primality of n . The tests use the Little Fermat theorem for the formal completion of the elliptic curve, having complex multiplication in K . Let E be an elliptic curve over \mathbf{F}_p , having complex multiplications in K . This means, according to the discussion above, that eigenvalues α of Frobenius F_p of E are algebraic integers from K , i.e., the roots of the characteristic polynomial $P_2(x) = x^2 - a_p x + p = 0$ are lying in K . Hence, for the trace of the Frobenius a_p , $a_p = a_p(E)$, we have

$$4p = a_p^2 + Dx^2 \quad (2.4)$$

for a (rational) integer x . We again repeat that every elliptic curve over \mathbb{F}_p has a complex multiplication (indeed, it is enough to take D as a square free part of $4p - a_p(E)^2$). In the notations above, for $n = p$ (2.4) means that in (2.2)

$$\alpha = \frac{a_p(E) \pm X\sqrt{-D}}{2}. \quad (2.5)$$

It is clear, that in (2.4) a_p can have two signs. The choice of the sign of a_p in (2.4) determines the choice of the sign of n^\pm in (2.3) for $n = p$. Of course, the canonical choice of the sign for a_p leads to n^+ in (2.3). We discuss below how all possible values of n^\pm can be achieved.

The criterion of primality of n in terms of an elliptic curve mod n with complex multiplication in K is formulated as follows:

PROPOSITION 2.7. *Let us assume that $(n, 4D) = 1$ and for n of the form (2.2) there exist an elliptic curve $E \bmod n$ (i.e., defined in the Weierstrass model by nonsingular equations mod n), having complex multiplication in K (i.e., the endomorphism $\tilde{x} \rightarrow [\sqrt{-D}] \tilde{x}$ of E is defined by rational expressions mod n in coordinates of \tilde{x}). Let for every divisor q of n^\pm there exist a point $\tilde{x}_1^{(q)}$ on $E \bmod n$, such that for the sequence*

$$\tilde{x}_m^{(q)} = \left(\frac{X_m}{Z_m^2}, \frac{Y_m}{Z_m^3} \right) \bmod n,$$

we have

$$Z_{n^\pm} \equiv 0 \bmod n,$$

but

$$(Z_{n^\pm/q}, n) = 1.$$

Then n is prime.

Proposition 2.7 leads to the introduction of functions, similar to Euler's ϕ -function. An example of such function exists in the theory of Lucas sequences [BLS, LH2]. These functions are better defined and understood, when E has a torsion point mod p , typically at least one torsion point of order two. A weaker condition is, say $2|D$. The definition of the analog of Euler function is the following:

Let $n = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\alpha_i}$, where p_1, \dots, p_k are (distinct) odd prime divisors of n . Then for every $p_i|n$, there exists $a_{p_i}(E)$ (because there exists a representation $4p_i = a_{p_i}^2(E) + p_i \cdot x_i^2$) and we put

$$\phi_E(n) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\alpha_i-1} \cdot (p_i + 1 - a_{p_i}(E)),$$

or, if E has a torsion point of order two mod n , we put

$$\phi_E(n) = 2 \prod_{i=1}^k \left\{ p_i^{\alpha_i-1} (p_i + 1 - a_{p_i}(E)) / 2 \right\} \\ \left(= 2 \prod_{i=1}^k \left\{ p_i^{\alpha_i-1} p_i^+ / 2 \right\} \right). \quad (2.6)$$

The crucial property of the ϕ function is the following one: for $(n, 4D) = 1$, $n > 5$, $\phi_E(n) = n^+$, if and only if n is a *prime* number. In the case (2.6) the proof of this is very similar to the corresponding results in the case of Lucas sequences (cf. [BLS]). Similar to Propositions 2.2 and 2.4, it is enough to require only a partial factorization of n^\pm . The use of partial factorization of n^\pm can be formalized as an algorithm to prove primality of a probable prime n with excellent running time (heuristic arguments suggest polynomiality).

One can generate similar tests for primality, starting from Abelian varieties of CM type mod n , as in Examples 1.6(3), when n is a norm of an element of the CM field K .

An important problem in this "elliptic primality test" (elliptic generalizations of the Lucas-Lehmer tests) is the construction of E and n^\pm starting from n and k . First of all, we have already remarked that condition (2.2) is equivalent to the representation of $4n$ by the quadratic form $x^2 + Dy^2$:

$$4n = a^2 + Db^2, \quad (2.7)$$

and then

$$n^\pm = n + 1 \mp a,$$

or $\alpha = (a \pm b\sqrt{-D})/2$.

A necessary condition for a prime $n = p$ to have a representation (2.7) is the congruence condition, given by the following character formula

$$\chi_{-D}(n) = 1. \quad (2.8)$$

Here $\chi_{-D}(x)$ is a quadratic character of the quadratic field $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$, defined as follows

$$\chi_d(x) = \left(\frac{x}{|d|} \right) \quad \text{for } d \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ = (-1)^{(x-1)/2} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{|d|} \right) \quad \text{for } d \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ = (-1)^{(x^2-1)/8 + (x-1)/2 \cdot (d'-1)/2} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{|d'|} \right) \quad \text{for } d = 2d',$$

for all x relatively prime with the discriminant of the field K .

The condition (2.8) is not sufficient, in general, for a prime $n = p$ to be represented in the form (2.7). However, if K is a one class field (or, weaker, the discriminant $-D$ has one class per genus), then the condition (2.8) is a necessary and sufficient condition for $4n$ to be represented by the form $x^2 + Dy^2$, whenever $n = p$ is a prime. This brings us to the concept of “numeri idonei” of Euler [BSH] (these are integers $D > 0$, for which the discriminant $-D$ has one class per genus). These numbers were discovered by Euler in his studies of primality testing [DI1], who tabulated 65 of “numeri idonei”: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30, 33, 37, 40, 42, 45, 48, 57, 58, 60, 70, 72, 78, 85, 88, 93, 102, 105, 112, 120, 130, 133, 165, 168, 177, 190, 210, 232, 249, 253, 273, 280, 312, 330, 345, 357, 385, 408, 462, 520, 760, 840, 1320, 1365, 1848.

There are exactly 65 of these numbers, at least assuming the (generalized) Riemann hypothesis. For each of the numeri idonei D , it only takes $O(\log n)$ operations to find a and b in the representation (2.7) of n , whenever $\chi_{-D}(n) = 1$ and n is a suspect to be a prime. The corresponding algorithm requires the knowledge of $\sqrt{-D} \bmod p$, and proceeds similar to the famous Hermite’s algorithm of the representation of a prime $p \equiv 1 \bmod 4$ as a sum of two squares [HW]. For an arbitrary D , one can find in $O(\log n)$ operation the representation (2.7) for a prime $n = p$, whenever this representation is possible, starting from the knowledge of $\sqrt{-D} \bmod p$. There are various algorithms to compute square roots mod p [K1, Chap. 4.6.2; Schl].

We left out the problem of determination of the sign of a in the representation (2.7), that determines n^+ or n^- in (2.3). Apart from the cases $D = 1$ and $D = 3$, a^2 is unique in the representation (2.7) (in the two former cases, there are 4 or 6 possible values of a , as many as there are roots of unity in K).

Apparently, both values $\pm a$ and n^\pm are achievable. If $y^2 = P_3(x)$ or $y^2 = P_4(x)$ is a model of E/\mathbb{F}_p , then equations $My^2 = P_3(x)$ or $My^2 = P_4(x)$, respectively, define elliptic curves E_M , called twists of E , corresponding to an arbitrary integer $M \bmod p$. The trace (or eigenvalues) of a Frobenius F_p of E_M differ by a multiplicative constant (M/p) from those of E , where (x/p) is the Legendre symbol. This way, after checking of some number of M , till we find a quadratic nonresidue, both values n^\pm for a prime $n = p$, can be achieved for an elliptic curve of the form E_M , having complex multiplications in $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$. In case $D = 1$ or $D = 3$ all possible values of a can be achieved by considering all possible isogenies and twists of two elliptic curves: $y^2 = x(x^2 - 1)$ and $y^2 = x^3 - 1$ having complex multiplications by i and $i\sqrt{3}$, respectively.

To construct an elliptic curve E having a complex multiplications in K one uses modular equations. If K is a one class field, then the curve E , having complex multiplication in K is defined over \mathbb{Q} , see Heegner’s

equations in [GR1, He1]. Similar simple formulae exist for all numeri idonei (see Weber's [Web1] and Watson's tables and references in [Wat1]). If D is arbitrary, one has to construct a modular equation directly. In examples below we used only numeri idonei D , to simplify the construction of the corresponding elliptic curve E , which is defined globally. The use of arbitrary complex multiplications in n^\pm primality tests is one of the best methods to prove primality of fairly large probable primes.

As much as Lucas-Lehmer tests were designed to test the primality of numbers $M_p = 2^p - 1$ or $a \cdot 2^m - 1$, the elliptic primality tests were designed by us to show the primality of elements in the following sequences generated by the three-term linear recurrences:

$$\begin{aligned} s_m &= \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha_0 \cdot \alpha_1^m + 1) \\ &= (\text{Norm}(\alpha_0) \cdot \text{Norm}(\alpha_1)^m + \alpha_0 \alpha_1^m + \alpha_0^* \alpha_1^{*m} + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

for two integers α_0 and α_1 from $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$. For any element s_m of this sequence s_m^- is known explicitly:

$$s_m^- = \text{Norm}(\alpha_0) \cdot \text{Norm}(\alpha_1)^m,$$

and is readily factorizable.

The sequences s_m are cross-between sequences of powers and Lucas' sequences for negative discriminants. If one wants to include Lucas' sequences with positive discriminants, Abelian varieties of CM type have to be used. The use of varieties with Abelian fields of complex multiplications significantly improves on the speed of primality proving, especially for numbers of special nature.

For sequences s_m with various "initial conditions" $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in K$, the elliptic primality tests were implemented, and for α_0, α_1 with $\max(\text{Norm}(\alpha_0), \text{Norm}(\alpha_1)) \leq 10$, a search was conducted for primes s_m with m of the order up to 500. Many interesting large primes were found.

The simplest among the sequences s_m corresponds to a Gaussian field $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$ with initial conditions: -1 and $1 + i$, i.e.,

$$s_m = \text{Norm}((1 + i)^m - 1).$$

Of course, s_m can be prime only when $m = p$ is a prime. Apparently, numbers s_m in this particular case are not new, but are connected with Aurifeuillian factorization [BLSTW]:

$$2^{4k-2} + 1 = (2^{2k-1} - 2^k + 1) \cdot (2^{2k-1} + 2^k + 1).$$

Indeed,

$$s_p = 2^p - \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \cdot 2^{(p+1)/2} + 1. \quad (2.10)$$

Here is the list of primes s_p for p up to 2000:

$$p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 19, 29, 47, 73, 79, 113, 151, 157, 163, 167, \\ 239, 241, 283, 353, 367, 379, 457, 997, 1367.$$

The prime s_{1367} has 825 digits.

In Tables 1 and 2 we present results of the primality testing of elements of various sequences s_m . In Table 1 prime values of s_m are presented for various D and initial conditions α_0, α_1 . The representation Primes $[d, [a, b, c, e], l]$ means that we list prime values of s_m for m in list l and

$$d = D, \quad \alpha_0 = a + b\sqrt{-D}, \quad \alpha_1 = c + e\sqrt{-D}.$$

The values of s_m in the list Primes $[\dots]$ are followed by the value of m . In Table 2 we present prime values of the sequence s_p from (2.10).

3. LARGE PRIME GENERATION AND THE ELLIPTIC DIVISIBILITY SEQUENCES

The sequences X_n (or \tilde{x}_n), generated by endomorphisms $[n]_F(\cdot)$ of the algebraic group laws, are, in general, similar in their divisibility properties to Lucas' sequences. We arrive thus to a particularly interesting problem of the factorization and primality of numbers in these sequences. To fix our ideas, let us consider the elliptic curve case. If the curve E/\mathbb{Q} is given in the Weierstrass form $y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$ with rational (integers) g_2, g_3 , let us generate, starting from a rational point

$$\tilde{x}_1 = (x, y) \quad \left(= \left(\frac{X}{Z^2}, \frac{Y}{Z^3} \right) \right)$$

on $E(\mathbb{Q})$, the sequence

$$\tilde{x}_n = [n]_E(\tilde{x}_1), \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\tilde{x}_n = \left(\frac{X_n}{Z_n^2}, \frac{Y_n}{Z_n^3} \right).$$

Because of the polynomial character of the law of addition on an elliptic curve, X_n, Y_n , and Z_n are polynomials in X, Y, Z , and g_2, g_3 . If we consider an elliptic function parametrization of E given by $\tilde{x} = (\mathcal{P}(u), \mathcal{P}'(u))$ with a Weierstrass elliptic function $\mathcal{P}(u)$, $\mathcal{P}(u)'^2 = 4\mathcal{P}(u)^3 - g_2\mathcal{P}(u) - g_3$, and if u_1 is a parameter such that $\tilde{x}_1 = (\mathcal{P}(u_1), \mathcal{P}'(u_1))$, then $\tilde{x}_n = (\mathcal{P}(n \cdot u_1), \mathcal{P}'(n \cdot u_1))$.

Among the sequences X_n, Y_n , and Z_n a true divisibility sequence (an analog of Lucas' sequence) is only Z_n . This sequence Z_n , in a different form, was, in fact, considered by Lucas, who (wrongly) thought that it is related to solutions of linear recurrences, see Bell [B1] for the discussion of Lucas' claims.

Table 1

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Primes2(1,[-1,2,1],[1,3,5,9,21,37,69,301])
VALUE = ((0 0) (1 17) (3 277) (5 6257) (9 3902417) (21 953674261440497) (37 1455
19152283649482198804337) (69 3388131789017201356273293603494110082037857416817)
(301 490909346529772655309577195498627564297521551249944956511154911718710525472
17158564600978840373319522771873667196435609033386468567073552151329598976737943
3929404574236863993389838978522622710137562806891323697))

Primes2(1,[-1,1,2,1],[1,2,4,6,10,12,16,46,84,90,184,346])
VALUE = ((0 0) (1 5) (2 37) (4 1217) (6 31397) (10 19537957) (12 488278337) (16
305174743297) (46 284217094304040078453110772088997) (84 10339757656912845935892
6086508169636883754194321619172820417) (90 1615587133892632177483220101699226167
792551344496818863790085157) (184 815663058499815565838786736570684444626455322
5862081846982955698833025824482922794605349202899804396258587589872842777792044
417) (346 139524828037387082790012640173991816339344481788924146991120414096231
24500334252401788088605978030963035040814620853055710685630236904167964586610659
75167527888961391785253369462707415329819686761716628234471431589930650872315680
5038334120997))

Primes2(1,[1,1,2,1],[1,3,8,10,12,14,20,26,39,81,82,120,156,192,279,369])
VALUE = ((0 0) (1 13) (3 233) (8 780869) (10 19537009) (12 488325349) (14 122071
51889) (20 190734841020709) (26 2980232242093529329) (39 36379788070918335632223
15113) (81 827180612553027674871408692116040668356174773328481762573) (82 413590
3062765138374357043460407537972770620752216070723249) (120 150463276905252801019
9982767644474467607894346625919081266229798131668368098897632709) (156 218952885
05075266733183274738904939551254092841820558927582739036651133731562727494588179
977645114011552131429) (192 31861838222649045405776079553423611182209110385237
57214777170677223046063032375107779124327929738969884959556739867924018960397714
949) (279 2059023035787211567255580869388675587443351832493849130874563090841434
43183003117036140143954093173472053823166493193439038157218358390177726250417550
3029377887519428104234166320585966155326558313) (369 166326556250318387496486473
29091050188463268493401100003613476921275034487287313032363425327059987898234729
8639560762710202913347341350580928114209039826063612333893929472742753563577012
329758766803216884743037065809720033252478989835732243052189049454432013))

Primes2(1,[-1,-1,2,1],[2,3,6,7,8,14,38,48,50,230,252])
VALUE = ((0 0) (2 53) (3 269) (6 31573) (7 156749) (8 781633) (14 12206910613) (
38 727955761418293909069928533) (48 7105427357601001942692704057000833) (50 1776
3636490025046135002288169760693) (230 11591269220898191830411672692336373479273
63993361809688266574705911744168779884169106292937597245060519747183829980376723
90559320145019131972317138627742611179093) (252 27635739376302222801236325960961
27862751720116619610043207585110453949377011976658550882462311795350918779068032
6124460778879328263502226337278722248195549690639273137244624353))

Primes2(1,[0,2,2,1],[1,3,7,219,349,483])
VALUE = ((0 0) (1 17) (3 457) (7 312617) (219 4747783872879899373736621134780978
57711048291680997248313988999541450411532228903604621273903544852397314760350504
1709326691112126504873644097474534514697) (349 348812070093467706975031600434979
54084836120447473103674778010352405781125083563100447022151494507740758760203655
21326392311946116461723968579854409815235038408718288041833377607079428845093245
8084448658055350389174772417778331014567617770246897) (483 160166647614648073954
36681721091811965871863840491840019594550492698242873926393275913260803110879
9234056005541715884397286737956652433924493470178170838518713244993007184224410
3923816582012615361940217697387318608110509407869922103865355869666959908628460
631922577764230205886198183918684287150742921839976045188296513586219032147657))

Primes2(1,[2,0,2,1],[1,2,3,4,10,11,51,68,106,156,273])
VALUE = ((0 0) (1 29) (2 113) (3 509) (4 2473) (10 39061553) (11 195323069) (51
17763568394002504649016787874433423869) (68 1355252715606880542509318314777117450
620912993193) (106 4930380657731323783823303533017413935651487279952913422217799
50177668810033) (156 43790577010150533466366549477809879102508185683641117854208
16212297001826288611563213930000551392252525309033) (273 2635549485807630806087
14351281750475192749034559212688751944075627703607274243989806259384261239893194
80761313796177858899705141664011002202091078722878312705451238975251378928305170
4290378909))

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[illegible]

[illegible]

Note. Prime(l) lists pairs (p, s_p) for all prime values of $s_p = 2^p - (2/p)2^{(p+1)/2} + 1$ for $p < 2500$.

where $\sigma(u)$ is the Weierstrass σ -function, and $u (= u_1)$ is a parameter in the parametrizations of \tilde{x}_1 : $\tilde{x}_1 = (\mathcal{P}(u), \mathcal{P}'(u))$. The sequence ψ_n satisfies the famous three-term nonlinear recurrence [CA1]:

$$\psi_{m+n}\psi_{m-n} = \psi_{m+1}\psi_{m-1}\psi_n^2 - \psi_{n+1}\psi_{n-1}\psi_m^2, \quad (3.3)$$

with $\psi_0 = 0, \psi_1 = 1$. The recurrence (3.3) follows from the three-term law of addition for σ -functions:

$$\sum_{a, b, c} \sigma(z+a)\sigma(z-a)\sigma(b+c)\sigma(b-c) = 0. \quad (3.4)$$

Another way to see (3.3) (or (3.4)) is to use the identity

$$\frac{\sigma(z+y)\sigma(z-y)}{\sigma(z)^2\sigma(y)^2} = \mathcal{P}(y) - \mathcal{P}(z). \quad (3.5)$$

Ward [W1] was the first to study in detail the divisibility properties of the sequence ψ_n . Ward [W1] called a solution ψ_n of the recurrence (3.3) an “elliptic divisibility sequence” whenever initial conditions ψ_2, ψ_3, ψ_4 are integers and $\psi_2|\psi_4$. If ψ_n is an “elliptic divisibility sequence,” then

$$\psi_m|\psi_n \quad \text{whenever } m|n \quad (3.6)$$

—the divisibility property. Among the elliptic divisibility sequences there are singular elliptic divisibility sequences corresponding to degenerate elliptic curves, and they have the form: (a) $\psi_n = U_n$ for Lucas sequence from Example 1.6(2) with integers P and $Q = 1$; (b) $\psi_n = (n/3)$ or $(-8/n)$ for Jacobi symbols (m/n) ; (c) $\psi_n = n$. The general elliptic divisibility sequence ψ_n has, according to Ward [W1], the form (3.2) for some elliptic curve E defined over \mathbf{Q} (i.e., having rational g_2 and g_3) and a rational point $\tilde{x}_1 = (\mathcal{P}(u), \mathcal{P}'(u))$ on $E(\mathbf{Q})$.

The laws of apparition of primes p in the elliptic divisibility sequence ψ_n in (3.2) follow from the properties of the Frobenius F_p of E . For example, the rank of apparition $\tau(p)$ of p in ψ_n always exists. The rank $\tau(p)$ is equal to the order of the point $\tilde{x}_1 \bmod p$ in $E \bmod p$, and divides $N_p = p + 1 - a_p$, whenever p is a prime of good reduction (i.e., $E \bmod p$ is an elliptic curve). Unfortunately, these simple rules for the law of apparition escaped Ward’s attention in [W1–W3].

According to the divisibility property (3.6) and the definition (3.2), the number ψ_n may be a prime only when $n = p$ is a prime (at least when n is relatively large) and \tilde{x}_1 is one of the *generators* of the Mordell–Weil group

of $E(\mathbb{Q})$ (i.e., \tilde{x}_1 is not divisible in $E(\mathbb{Q})$). Thus we are led to an interesting way of generating large numbers ψ_p suspect of being prime. The numbers ψ_p are indeed large for a small p , because the absolute values of the integers ψ_n grow as

$$c^{n^2} \cdot (1 + o(1)),$$

where the constant $c > 1$ is related to the Neron–Tate height of \tilde{x}_1 on $E(\mathbb{Q})$.

It was always the most challenging problem to generate the “largest” prime by means of some simple arithmetic expression. That is why, after all, Fermat numbers $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$ were invented. Unfortunately, large Fermat numbers are either composite or too big to be checked for primality. Mersenne numbers [K1, Tu1, Slo1] require too much sieving to produce a good candidate. The growth of elements in the elliptic divisibility sequence is less impressive than for Fermat numbers, but much faster than for Mersenne, so it takes only a hundred or so iterations to generate a truly gigantic number, and so there are only a few candidates for primality to be checked. Perhaps, these numbers can be used to generate extremely big primes.

In dealing with the elliptic divisibility sequences, one often finds ψ_n divisible by small primes, particularly by $p = 2$ or $p = 3$. This is usually a consequence of nonminimality of the Weierstrass model for E/\mathbb{Q} . In order to dismiss apparent divisors of ψ_n , it is preferable to deal with the minimal model of E/\mathbb{Q} . It should be noted that the minimal model of E/\mathbb{Q} does not always have the Weierstrass form, and the most general expression for the equation, defining the minimal model for E/\mathbb{Q} , particularly a suitable one for $p = 2, 3$ is

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6 \quad (3.7)$$

for (rational) integers a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_6 , see Tate [T3]. In the case of an elliptic curve equation (3.7), it is better to use the form Z_n of an elliptic divisibility sequence (3.1) rather than ψ_n . Moreover, to rid ourselves from spurious divisors of Z_n , that correspond to the common factors of X_n and Z_n , it is more convenient to introduce the following new sequences. For a rational point $\tilde{x}_1 = (X'_1/Z_1'^2, Y'_1/Z_1'^3)$ on (3.7), written in the irreducible form (i.e., in a form such that for no $l > 1$, $l|Z_1'$, $l^2|X_1'$, and $l^3|Y_1'$), we multiply \tilde{x}_1 by n in the group law of E :

$$\tilde{x}_n = [n]_E(\tilde{x}_1) = \left(\frac{X'_n}{Z_n'^2}, \frac{Y'_n}{Z_n'^3} \right), \quad (3.8)$$

where $(X'_n/Z_n'^2, Y'_n/Z_n'^3)$ is written in the irreducible form. To obtain the

irreducible form of \tilde{x}_n , it is enough to look at the g.c.d. of X_n , Y_n , and Z_n . The sequence Z'_n is the most appropriate normalized version of the elliptic divisibility sequence (3.2). It is particularly advisable to start with an integral point \tilde{x}_1 on $E(\mathbb{Q})$.

Similar to the general Weierstrass equation (3.7) of E , it is possible to consider other versions of the elliptic divisibility sequences generated by different models of elliptic curves. For example, Ward [W2] considers the elliptic divisibility sequences arising from the Jacobi form of an elliptic curve (see Sect. 4). His sequences A_n , B_n , C_n , and D_n are associated with multiplication law for Jacobi's elliptic functions sn , cn , and dn (e.g., $sn\ nu/sn\ u = B_n/A_n$, $cn\ nu/cn\ u = C_n/A_n$, $dn\ nu/dnu = D_n/A_n$).

There exist various generalizations of elliptic divisibility sequences for arbitrary algebraic group laws. Moreover, if a ring of endomorphisms of a formal group law \bar{F} , corresponding to a given algebraic law of addition, is larger than \mathbb{Z} , then one can introduce a sequence $X_\alpha = [\alpha]_{\bar{F}}(X)$ for $\alpha \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\bar{F})$. In particular, Abelian varieties of CM type with complex multiplications in the order \mathcal{O} of a CM-field K generate a sequence X_α for $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}$. These sequences give rise to divisibility sequences corresponding to the division in \mathcal{O} .

The case of elliptic curves with complex multiplications was considered in [W3, D1] for lemniscate and equianharmonic elliptic curves (these are curves with complex multiplication by i and $i\sqrt{3}$, respectively). One can introduce the elliptic divisibility sequences ψ_μ : $\mu \in \mathcal{O}$ for an arbitrary elliptic curve E with complex multiplications in the imaginary quadratic field K , and the ring of integers \mathcal{O} of K . To do so we have to change the σ -function $\sigma(u)$ in (3.2) to a θ -function more appropriate in the complex multiplication case [L1]. Let E be an elliptic curve with complex multiplication in the imaginary quadratic field K , and defined over \mathbb{Q} .¹ Let L be the lattice of periods of E , i.e., $L = \Omega \cdot \mathcal{O}$, where \mathcal{O} is an order in K . Following Eisenstein and Weil [W4], one introduces a value of a nonholomorphic Eisenstein series:

$$G_2(L) (= s_2(L)) = \lim_{\substack{s \rightarrow 0 \\ s > 0}} \sum_{\substack{\omega \in L \\ \omega \neq 0}} \omega^{-2} |\omega|^{-2s}.$$

Then we define a normalized σ -function of E [L1]:

$$\theta(u) = \sigma(u) \cdot e^{-(1/2)s_2(L) \cdot u^2}. \quad (3.9)$$

Only in cases $g_2 = 0$ or $g_3 = 0$ (the lemniscate and equianharmonic cases above), $s_2(L) = 0$, and $\theta(u) = \sigma(u)$. For an arbitrary E the laws of

¹This effectively leaves us with 9 one-class fields. However, these arguments can be generalized for arbitrary E and K .

complex multiplication imply that, for an arbitrary integer μ ($\mu \in \mathcal{O}$), the expression

$$\psi_\mu \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\theta(\mu u)}{\theta(u)^{\text{Norm}(\mu)}} \quad (3.10)$$

(for a norm $\text{Norm}(\mu)$ of μ in K/\mathbb{Q}) is a polynomial in $\mathcal{P}(u)$, $\mathcal{P}'(u)$ with integral coefficients from K . According to the identity (3.4) the new sequence ψ_μ satisfies the same three term nonlinear recurrence (3.3):

$$\psi_{\mu+\eta}\psi_{\mu-\eta} = \psi_{\mu+1}\psi_{\mu-1}\psi_\eta^2 - \psi_{\eta+1}\psi_{\eta-1}\psi_\mu^2$$

(or its variations [D1], where “1” is replaced by a root ε of unity in K). The sequence ψ_μ is now an elliptic divisibility sequence in \mathcal{O} , i.e., ψ_μ divides ψ_η , if $\mu|\eta$ is in \mathcal{O} .

The sequence ψ_μ contains as a subsequence ψ_n from (3.2). This implies additional divisibility properties for the original elliptic divisibility sequence ψ_n , whenever E has complex multiplication in K . For example, ψ_n can be prime for a prime $n = p$ only when p stays prime in K . If p splits in K : $p = \pi \cdot \pi^*$ for primes π and π^* in K , then $\psi_\pi \cdot \psi_{\pi^*}$ is a rational integer that divides ψ_p . Hence together with possible suspect for primality ψ_p for nonsplit unramified p , we obtain a new divisibility sequence and new suspects for primality

$$\phi_p = \psi_\pi \cdot \psi_{\pi^*}$$

for primes, π, π^* in K . The numbers ϕ_p are extremely interesting (they have no counterparts in the degenerate case), their only deficiency being small growth in p : the absolute value of ϕ_p growth as $c^{p \cdot (1+o(1))}$.

In the relation to the Little Fermat theorem 1.5 one notices that sequences $X_\mu = [\mu]_E(X_1)$ for $\mu \in \mathcal{O}$ can be also used to test the primality of μ or $n = \text{Norm}(\mu)$. Moreover there are additional relations connecting eigenvalues of the Frobenius with the Frobenius map. The fundamental relation, that belongs to Eisenstein [E1] is the following: If $p = \pi \cdot \pi^*$ splits in K , the $a_p = \text{Tr}(\pi)$ and $N_p = p + 1 - a_p = \text{Norm}(\pi - 1)$ (with a proper normalization of π). Then

$$[\pi]_E(X) \equiv X^p \bmod \pi \quad (3.11)$$

(the Lubin–Tate multiplication formula, see [HA1]). The statement (3.11) can be used together with an ordinary Little Fermat theorem and has to be considered as a part of n^\pm primality tests of Sec. 2 (Proposition 2.7).

As much as a sequence ψ_p is similar to the Mersenne sequence M_p or Lucas' numbers U_p , one can introduce elliptic analogs of more general binomial numbers $ab^m \pm 1$. These numbers can arise for an elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} having rank of the Mordell–Weil group $E(\mathbb{Q})$ at least two. Namely, let

Table 3

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E11DivSeq4([1,2,7],69,[11,17,73],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (11 7000351) (17 -14984370728756449) (73 20919675095241326954844
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0610577209919548383985755706869007311705024552095954538745907830781833850163306
9086438960071899998763529369267878816067731344395022568271609099851169140846790
4182747650460213797099952998914730644801))

E11DivSeq4([1,5,2],39,[7,43],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (13 56979431) (23 26861829566699646344634101) (43 617244596677482
2413122121701725270474609302328655131766108629854854216459251655706851811) (47 1
729671144138053350108850884904495470660886376418482618422439073999283476804423
29614658487893649261137799))

E11DivSeq4([1,1,6],43,[13,23,43,47],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (13 10055322559) (41 -2418655761060116246991264324093432609028173
59216583148662375797388391570917972986350325293342662620152049) (61 -10155350880
83152502570994471616523686571050103864839545063604589965373366298077625661317097
31518986373650536195409545748834990080121167442787165175558753661393989007346688
8996254170311072017870650536551265236176556669214982505212801))

E11DivSeq4([1,1,-2],67,[13,23,61,71],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (13 -10601) (23 7018757053213) (61 -12122661413004723341905019729
6422644915131019581938607278238756150082933625089447622886433) (71 311629949833
85830045572264494315197691098206128992194122164714538746452737029801342318458035
0699707839873290907901972918501))

E11DivSeq4([1,1,-9],75,[47,79],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (47 3040758533531507749780657904535585752964020450275653815193753
257955546512643740515179015341722088490784425126786385938553012400816399) (79 40
81187179989242533009279748538863567383690781570206876516045629734366597680889035
76329135965737562280861914175273195124713635637699177161669624767579256004603195
06511975394448822448033815036620188501812891959665135424309462904365924302636574
80520155816678144277291089725941104369190943242068503905650112230314100914472099
14562947223122406113819207292867002658478927583726559))

E11DivSeq4([1,4,1],75,[71,79],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (71 -281466925114235371509747758096344783014931414567325825066538
6753994486216066369844663143928600542694424923004324495136480194763960826113934
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66505438076680248672965988744162857697040949451807960876037006640689977922056884
9544244362089585699384955732632810902146570308841982094244749779720924675668993)
(79 -40213948648054222930039701215464487302270987688570378441523874364163581476
18065556048761110908543647022164429093346214951093099698501409851808069205115477
78882786073216976617695566862066960976670210655684848994796649337609301282471417
7589536033943907248599249472105523330073156282267217206083652148516602884183016
30936853891563140511436202553324577967760036357962377552847649825802962619503108
514442985769126370614788662397636263500718623217660668249441593957173478849))

E11DivSeq4([1,4,3],67,[13,53,71],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (13 -3165347956951) (53 62335575386989857680644890089298745973463
8941418825813494014471409879241547561929395799831731428530851786701319285136554
3695441811440605990868941677151682500682506568598126486210940259084665406490962
90235998819) (71 -5154104295193476820000798409673786548608940698894066994245939
92930515309902594968124857302500223243939734066747812074458535166871236337431268
11649186021885725767098974600668474602655528168273815435228140103008288644279532
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E11DivSeq4([2,1,4],67,[71],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (71 1059781024387846862557917324405590826622502341187493037233299
580816032293084905691818923797009890935143896598759086515297088536664148499514405
3633224246285301348529574317195708301028054264825629182467656065250703173825171
77726289186251135498280678120761419208976554123318494879))

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E11DivSeq4(F(-15,1,4),37,[41],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (41 -868555885929119048950561724811766644082389681716394213842383
59123116967765315537677070697716605080633786466300318103387506963327904417914520
46286633405684172626261168036489325554699586219537457754943700752700626628207798
56020571557392280693593003677794456069555163842987763725257361483802541107738824
06007182671125372941297491481114935209023119606440723689843134621956274228708784
71644646594737865295360091504549864434277327771756692841034165809519547361950653
4466011950552895408711715194557022166462312531119))

E11DivSeq4(F(-26,-1,5),25,[29],[2])
VALUE = ((0 0) (29 7906384527435118487611588187441780876357880993385410644362541
27364880804082714814799542799358408517731143244279048918242297417110196130637730
31197120871550468479343666199707769223523598391175270272018883097104118586886082
4965529444437175336502418296649549757726020392482572428097686549))

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Note. $\text{E11DivSeq4}(\psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4, N, l, [2])$ lists pairs (m, ψ_m) for primes and “probable primes” ψ_m in the elliptic divisibility sequence with initial terms $\psi_0 = 0, \psi_1 = 1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4$ and $m < N + 4$ for m from l . Similarly $\text{E11DivSeq4}(f(d, x, y), N, l, [2])$ lists as (m, ψ_m) “probable primes” ψ_m with m in l for a point (x, y) on $y^2 = x^3 - d$. Typically we checked the range $m < 100$.

\tilde{x}_1 and \tilde{x}_2 be two points from $E(\mathbf{Q})$ that are linearly independent over \mathbf{Z} . Let us consider

$$\tilde{X}_{n,12} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [n]_{E\tilde{x}_1} \oplus_E \tilde{x}_2, \quad \tilde{X}_{n,12} = \left(\frac{X_{n,12}}{Z_{n,12}^2}, \frac{Y_{n,12}}{Z_{n,12}^3} \right),$$

where $\tilde{X}_{n,12}$ is written in an irreducible form. Then the numbers $Z_{n,12}$ are the analogs of $ab^m \pm 1$. The divisibility of numbers $Z_{n,12}$ by various (small) primes p follows from the relations between $\tilde{x}_1 \bmod p$ and $\tilde{x}_2 \bmod p$ in $E \pmod{p}$. Again the number $Z_{n,12}$ has an absolute value that grows as $c_{12}^{n^2 + O(1)}$, and is suitable to check for possible primality.

In Table 3, we present primes and “very probable primes” among elements of the elliptic divisibility sequences ψ_p , Z'_n , and $Z'_{n,12}$ and also ϕ_p (for E with complex multiplication in the last case). Primality of numbers was checked here using Rabin’s probabilistic algorithm [RA1]. We did not try (till the moment the paper was completed, June 12, 1985) our primality test from Section 2 to check the primality of large numbers from Table 3.

For the fast computation of ψ_n one can use methods of Section 4 of efficient computation of n th multiple $\tilde{x}_n = (X_n/Z_n^2, Y_n/Z_n^3)$ of $\tilde{x}_1 = (X, Y)$. An alternative approach is to use the recurrence (3.3) directly to obtain the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{2n+1} &= \psi_{n+2}\psi_n^3 - \psi_{n-1}\psi_{n+1}^3, \\ \psi_{2n}\psi_2 &= \psi_n(\psi_{n+2}\psi_{n-1}^2 - \psi_{n-2}\psi_{n+1}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

These formulas allow us to compute $(\psi_{2n+1}, \psi_{2n+2}, \dots, \psi_{2n+9})$ starting from $(\psi_{n-1}, \psi_n, \dots, \psi_{n+6})$. This method is similar to the binary method of multiplication applied to $[n]_{\tilde{F}}(\tilde{x})$ in Section 4.

The total number of multiplications to compute ψ_n do not exceed $20 \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$, starting from ψ_2, ψ_3, ψ_4 . In fact, the recurrent formulas (3.12) can be used mod p , instead of conventional addition formulas of Section 4.

4. EXPLICIT FORMS OF LAWS OF ADDITION ON ELLIPTIC CURVES AND THEIR COMPUTER IMPLEMENTATION

The key problem in the computer implementations, is to generate \tilde{x}_n from \tilde{x}_1 as cost efficiently as possible. This problem is an obvious counterpart to the classical problem of evaluation of powers x^n (or exponentiations). As it is well known, that problem is polynomial in n . The same is true for the problem of generating n th multiple \tilde{x}_n of \tilde{x}_1 using only algebraic operation of $\tilde{x} \oplus_F \tilde{y}$ (a general addition) and of $\tilde{x} \oplus_F \tilde{x}$ (a duplication).

Methods of fast evaluations of powers can be used here (see the discussion in [K1, Ch. 4.6.2]). For example, the simplest binary methods (right-to-left or left-to-right) require $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ additions and $\nu(n)$ duplications, where $\nu(n)$ is the number of "1" in the binary expansion of n , to compute \tilde{x}_n from \tilde{x}_1 . More sophisticated addition chains methods guarantee that $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil + o(n)$ additions are sufficient.

The crucial problem becomes the choice of the model of an algebraic group variety, where computations mod p are the least time consuming. We discuss various models for elliptic curve case. We remind the main quantity: $N_p = P_2(1) (= p + 1 - a_p)$ —the order of the group $E \pmod{p}$ —is invariant under birational transformations and isogenies of the elliptic curve over the minimal ground field.

It is preferable to use models of elliptic curves lying in low-dimensional spaces, for otherwise the number of coordinates and operations is increasing. This limits us (up to obvious transformations) to 4 basic models of elliptic curves. These are:

4.1. (a) The Weierstrass model

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b.$$

(This form is sufficient instead of a more general equation (3.7)).

(b) The Jacobi model

$$v^2 = u^4 + au^2 + b.$$

(c) The Jacobi form representing the curve as an intersection of two quadrics in the 3-space:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1,$$

$$k^2 \cdot x^2 + z^2 = 1,$$

parametrized by the Jacobi elliptic function $(sn(u, k) : cn(u, k) : dn(u, k) : 1)$.

(d) The cubic form, that can be reduced, after fractional transformations, to the canonical homogeneous (Hessian) form [Cleb]:

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = Dxyz.$$

If one uses an affine model, then, perhaps, the Weierstrass model (a) is the most attractive. The *rational* expression for the laws of addition and duplication on (a) is the following:

If (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) are two points on the elliptic curve E in the form 4.1(a), then the expression for addition on the curve (a) $(x_1, y_1) \oplus_{E_a} (x_2, y_2) = (x_3, y_3)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= -(x_1 + x_2) + m^2 \\ y_3 &= -y_1 + m(x_1 - x_3) \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

with m defined as

- (i) $m = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$ when $(x_1, y_1) \neq (x_2, y_2)$;
- (ii) $m = (3x_1^2 + a)/(2y)$ when $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$

(the formula (ii) defines the duplication case).

These formulae (4.1) (Euler and Abel) require an inversion mod p , if you treat these expressions mod p . We found that inversion is very costly—an obvious implementation of inversion mod p requires $O(\log^2 p)$ operations [K1]. There are, though some arguments for using the rational form of the law of addition. For example, Montgomery [MO1] proposes a different implementation of mod n arithmetic and notes that the inversion of k numbers mod n can be reduced to the inversion mod n of their product only and to several multiplications mod n .

Nevertheless, we found it preferable to use a projective (homogeneous) form of elliptic curve equations, where the addition laws are *polynomial*.

4.2. (a) For the Weierstrass equation (a), the traditional choice of the homogeneous coordinates is $x = X/Z^2$, $y = Y/Z^3$, i.e., $(E_{a,b}^1)$: $Y^2 = X^3 + aXZ^4 + bZ^6$. In these notations, the expression for the sum of two points $\tilde{x}_1 = (X_1/Z_1^2, Y_1/Z_1^3)$ and $\tilde{x}_2 = (X_2/Z_2^2, Y_2/Z_2^3)$ on the elliptic curve $(E_{a,b}^1)$ is the following: $\tilde{x}_1 \oplus_{E_{a,b}^1} \tilde{x}_2 = \tilde{x}_{1,2}$, where $\tilde{x}_{1,2} = (X_{1,2}/Z_{1,2}^2, Y_{1,2}/Z_{1,2}^3)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} X_{1,2} &= -2Y_1Y_2W + (U_1 + U_2)(X_1X_2 + aW^2) + 2bW^4, \\ Y_{1,2} &= Z_2(U_1 + 3U_2)(aS_1Z_1 - X_1^2Y_2) \\ &\quad + Z_1(3U_1 + U_2)(X_2^2Y_1 - aS_2Z_2) + 4bW^3(S_1 - S_2), \\ Z_{1,2} &= U_2 - U_1, \end{aligned} \quad (4.2i)$$

with $U_1 = X_1 Z_2^2$, $U_2 = X_2 Z_1^2$, $S_1 = Y_1 Z_2^3$, $S_2 = Y_2 Z_1^3$, $W = Z_1 Z_2$, provided that $U_1 \neq U_2$ or $S_1 \neq S_2$. If $U_1 = U_2$ and $S_1 = S_2$ (i.e., in the duplication case) we put

$$\begin{aligned} X_{1,2} &= T, \\ Y_{1,2} &= -8Y_1^4 + M(S - T), \\ Z_{1,2} &= 2Y_1 Z_1 \end{aligned} \quad (4.2ii)$$

with $S = 4X_1 Y_1^2$, $M = 3X_1^2 + aZ_1^4$, $T = -2S + M^2$.

Expressions (4.2i)–(4.2ii) are symmetric and very convenient to use in the global case (say, over \mathbf{Z}), because we remove common factors between $X_{1,2}$, $Y_{1,2}$, and $Z_{1,2}$. However, the number of operations in (4.2i) is excessive and the law (4.2i) for addition depends on a and b . The duplication formula (4.2ii) is, on the other hand, quite efficient. It requires 9 *multiplications* (to generate Y_1^2 , Y_1^4 , S , $Z_{1,2}$, Z_1^2 , Z_1^4 , M , T , $Y_{1,2}$) and one multiplication by a . The last multiplication can be disregarded, whenever in the general form of the Weierstrass equation ($E_{a,b}^1$) one puts $a \equiv 1$. It is even smarter to put $a \equiv -3$ in (4.2ii), though it might impair the generality of the Weierstrass equation ($E_{a,b}^1$) (it does not impair the generality for the purposes of Sect. 5). If $a \equiv -3$, then to compute (4.2ii) one needs only 8 *multiplications* to generate Y_1^2 , Y_1^4 , S (through $X_1 Y_1^2$), Z_1^2 , $M = 3 \cdot (X_1 - Z_1^2) \cdot (X_1 + Z_1^2)$, $Y_1 Z_1$ (and thus $Z_{1,2}$), M^2 (and thus T), $M \cdot (S - T)$ (and thus $X_{1,2}$). To repair the situation with (4.2i) we can refer directly to (4.1) and not remove common factors $Z_1 \cdot Z_2$ in the numerators and denominators of (4.1). Then instead of (4.2i) we obtain the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_{1,2} &= (X_3/Z_3^2, Y_3/Z_3^3), \\ X_3 &= -(U_1 + U_2) \cdot P^2 + R^2, \\ Y_3 &= -S_1 \cdot P^3 + R \cdot (U_1 \cdot P^2 - X_3), \\ Z_3 &= Z_1 \cdot Z_2 \cdot P \end{aligned} \quad (4.3i)$$

with $U_1 = X_1 Z_2^2$, $U_2 = X_2 Z_1^2$, $S_1 = Y_1 Z_2^3$, $S_2 = Y_2 Z_1^3$, when

$$P \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} U_2 - U_1 \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S_2 - S_1 \neq 0.$$

The form (4.3i) of the general addition formula does not depend on the form of the Weierstrass equation ($E_{a,b}^1$). It requires 17 *multiplications*. There is a way to reduce the number of multiplications, if to notice that (4.3i) is *not* symmetric in the definition of Y_3 (as the expression of y_3 is not in (4.1)). An obvious symmetrization of (4.3i) gives the following different expression

for Y_3 in (4.3i), leaving X_3 and Z_3 without changes,

$$2Y_3 = R \cdot (-2R^2 + 3P^2(U_1 + U_2)) - P^3(S_1 + S_2). \quad (4.3i')$$

This reduces the number of multiplications only to 16 in the general addition formula (4.3i)–(4.3i'). We do not know, whether this number is the best possible in the representation $x = X/Z^2$, $y = Y/Z^3$ of (a). On the other hand, we can use a simple homogeneous model of (a): $x = X'/Z'$, $y = Y'/Z'$, i.e. $(E_{a,b}^{1'})$: $Y'^2Z' = X'^3 + aX'Z'^2 + bZ'^3$. In these notations the sum of two points $\tilde{x}_1 = (X'_1/Z'_1, Y'_1/Z'_1)$ and $\tilde{x}_2 = (X'_2/Z'_2, Y'_2/Z'_2)$ on $(E_{a,b}^{1'})$ is $\tilde{x}_1 \oplus_{E_{a,b}^{1'}} \tilde{x}_2 = \tilde{x}_{1,2}$, where $\tilde{x}_{1,2} = (X'_{1,2}/Z'_{1,2}, Y'_{1,2}/Z'_{1,2})$ and

$$\begin{aligned} X'_{1,2} &= P' \cdot (-(U'_1 + U'_2) \cdot P'^2 + W'R'^2), \\ 2Y'_{1,2} &= R' \cdot (-2W' \cdot R'^2 + 3(U'_1 + U'_2) \cdot P'^2) - P'^3(S'_1 + S'_2), \\ Z'_{1,2} &= W' \cdot P'^3 \end{aligned} \quad (4.4i)$$

with $U'_1 = X'_1Z'_2$, $U'_2 = X'_2Z'_1$, $S'_1 = Y'_1Z'_2$, $S'_2 = Y'_2Z'_1$, $W' = Z'_1 \cdot Z'_2$ when $P' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} U'_2 - U'_1 \neq 0$ or when

$$R' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S'_2 - S'_1 \neq 0.$$

The duplication formula (when $P' = 0$ and $R' = 0$) is

$$\begin{aligned} X'_{1,2} &= (2Z'_1Y'_1) \cdot \left[(3X_1'^2 + aZ_1'^2)^2 - 4(2Z'_1Y'_1) \cdot X'_1Y'_1 \right], \\ Y'_{1,2} &= -Y_1'^2 \cdot (2Z'_1Y'_1)^2 + (3X_1'^2 + aZ_1'^2) \\ &\quad \times (6(2Z'_1Y'_1) \cdot X'_1Y'_1 - (3X_1'^2 + aZ_1'^2)^2), \\ Z'_{1,2} &= (2Z'_1Y'_1)^3. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4ii)$$

It takes 14 multiplications in formulas (4.4i), and it takes 12 multiplications in duplication formulas (4.4ii) including one multiplication by a . If, as above, one puts $a \equiv -3$, then the number of multiplications in (4.4ii) decreases to 10 (one computes $Z'_1Y'_1, (Z'_1Y'_1)^2, (Z'_1Y'_1)^3, Z'_1Y_1'^2, Z'_1Y_1'^2X'_1, (X'_1 - Z'_1) \cdot (X'_1 + Z'_1), (Z'_1Y_1'^2X'_1)^2, Y'_{1,2}, (X_1'^2 - Z_1'^2)^2, X'_{1,2}$).

There is a discrepancy between the number of operations in the addition formulas (4.3i), (4.2ii) and (4.4i)–(4.4ii) for two representations of points \tilde{x} : of $(x, y) = (X/Z^2, Y/Z^3)$ and of $(x, y) = (X'/Z', Y'/Z')$ from equations of the elliptic curve in the Weierstrass form (a): 16–17 multiplications versus 14 multiplications in the general addition formula and 8–10 multiplications versus 10–12 multiplications in the duplication formula. Since

duplication occurs as often as general addition (at least in the binary method of exponentiation), the laws of addition (4.3i), (4.2ii) are preferable. However, to achieve better results (on average) we propose to mix both representations of (x, y) . Namely, in the form $(x, y) = (X/Z^2, Y/Z^3)$, we suggest to write addition formulas involving (X, Y, Z, Z^2, Z^3) as 5 variables. This obviously corresponds to a particular parametrization of the Jacobian of the elliptic curve by means of θ -functions of the third order (see below for cubic curves). Expressions for the law of addition are again based on (4.2ii) and (4.3i). Let the data $v_1 = (X_1, Y_1, Z_1, Z_1^2, Z_1^3)$, $v_2 = (X_2, Y_2, Z_2, Z_2^2, Z_2^3)$ correspond to $\tilde{x}_1 = (X_1/Z_1^2, Y_1/Z_1^3)$, $\tilde{x}_2 = (X_2/Z_2^2, Y_2/Z_2^3)$. Then the data $v_1 \oplus_E v_2 = (X_3, Y_3, Z_3, Z_3^2, Z_3^3)$ corresponding to $\tilde{x}_1 \oplus_{E_{a,b}} \tilde{x}_2 = (X_3/Z_3^2, Y_3/Z_3^3)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} X_3 &= -(U_1 + U_2) \cdot P^2 + R^2, \\ 2Y_3 &= R \cdot (-2R^2 + 3P^2(U_1 + U_2)) - P^3(S_1 + S_2), \\ Z_3 &= Z_1 \cdot Z_2 \cdot P, \\ Z_3^2 &= Z_1^2 \cdot Z_2^2, Z_3^3 = Z_1^3 \cdot Z_2^3 \end{aligned} \quad (4.5i)$$

with $U_1 = X_1 \cdot (Z_2^2)$, $U_2 = X_2 \cdot (Z_1^2)$, $S_1 = Y_1 \cdot (Z_2^3)$, $S_2 = Y_2 \cdot (Z_1^3)$, $P = U_2 - U_1 \neq 0$, $R = S_2 - S_1 \neq 0$.

In the case $U_1 = U_2$, $S_1 = S_2$ we put

$$\begin{aligned} X_3 &= -2S + M^2, \\ Y_3 &= -8Y_1^4 + M \cdot (3S - M^2), \\ Z_3 &= 2Y_1Z_1, \\ Z_3^2 &= Z_1^2, Z_3^3 = Z_1^3 \end{aligned} \quad (4.5ii)$$

with $S = 4X_1Y_1^2$, $M = 3X_1^2 + a \cdot (Z_1^2)^2$.

The addition formulas (4.5i) require 14 *multiplications*, and a storage of quintuplet (X, Y, Z, Z^2, Z^3) , instead of a triplet (X, Y, Z) . The duplication formulas (4.5ii) require 10 *multiplications* and one multiplication by a . If, as above, one puts $a \equiv -3$, then we need only 9 *multiplications* in (4.5ii). Of course, there are plenty of additions and one can notice that formulas (4.5i)–(4.5ii) are just another way to represent (4.3i) and (4.2ii). We are not sure that (4.5i)–(4.5ii) give any significant practical improvement over (4.2ii) and (4.3i).

4.2. (b)–(c) Jacobi models (b) or (c) in some respects are preferable to (a). In dealing with Jacobi models one uses a large body of addition formulas for Jacobi θ -functions $\theta_1(z)$, $\theta_2(z)$, $\theta_3(z)$, and $\theta_4(z)$ [Jac1]. Many of these addition formulas can be used directly to derive algebraic

laws of addition, whenever an elliptic curve is represented as an intersection of two (arbitrary) quadrics. In general, projective coordinates for such an imbedding are given by $(\theta_1(z) : \theta_2(z) : \theta_3(z) : \theta_4(z))$. The relation with the Jacobi's elliptic functions is given by

$$\begin{aligned} sn(u, k) &= (\theta_3(0) \cdot \theta_1(z)) / (\theta_2(0) \cdot \theta_4(z)), \\ cn(u, k) &= (\theta_4(0) \cdot \theta_2(z)) / (\theta_2(0) \cdot \theta_4(z)), \\ dn(u, k) &= (\theta_4(0) \cdot \theta_3(z)) / (\theta_3(0) \cdot \theta_4(z)), \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

for $z = u/\theta_3(0)^2$ and for

$$k^2 = \theta_2(0)^4 / \theta_3(0)^4.$$

To represent the laws of addition for the Jacobi model (c), parametrized by $(sn(u, k) : cn(u, k) : dn(u, k) : 1)$, in the *polynomial* form we introduce homogeneous coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} sn(u, k) &= S/T, \\ cn(u, k) &= C/T, \\ dn(u, k) &= D/T. \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

In these notations, the Jacobi form (c) of the elliptic curve $E (= E_{k^2})$ is described by the equations:

$$(E_{k^2}) : S^2 + C^2 = T^2, \quad k^2 S^2 + D^2 = T^2. \quad (4.8)$$

In the notations (4.7), the rational form of the laws of addition for sn , cn , dn [Jac1; T-M] are represented in the following polynomial form.

Let $\bar{X}_1 = (S_1, C_1, D_1, T_1)$ and $\bar{X}_2 = (S_2, C_2, D_2, T_2)$ be two points on the elliptic curve (E_{k^2}) (4.8). Then the sum $\bar{X}_3 = \bar{X}_1 \oplus_{E_{k^2}} \bar{X}_2$ of \bar{X}_1 and \bar{X}_2 is defined as

$$\bar{X}_3 = (S_3, C_3, D_3, T_3),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= T_1 C_2 \cdot S_1 D_2 + D_1 S_2 \cdot C_1 T_2, \\ C_3 &= T_1 C_2 \cdot C_1 T_2 - D_1 S_2 \cdot S_1 D_2, \\ D_3 &= T_1 D_1 T_2 D_2 - k^2 \cdot S_1 C_1 S_2 C_2, \\ T_3 &= (T_1 C_2)^2 + (D_1 S_2)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.9i)$$

The formulas (4.9i) have a tremendous advantage of being universally valid as general addition formulas, and simultaneously as duplication formulas, when $\bar{X}_1 = \bar{X}_2$ (i.e., no limit analysis as $\bar{X}_2 \rightarrow \bar{X}_1$ is necessary, as it is necessary for the Weierstrass model (a)). Nevertheless, since a duplication

formula plays a special role in the fast schemes of multiplication, we present it separately:

The duplication $\bar{X}_3 = \bar{X}_1 \oplus_{E_{k^2}} \bar{X}_1$ of $\bar{X}_1 = (S_1, C_1, D_1, T_1)$ on (E_{k^2}) is defined as:

$$\bar{X}_3 = (S_3, C_3, D_3, T_3),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= 2 \cdot C_1 T_1 \cdot D_1 S_1, \\ C_3 &= (C_1 T_1)^2 - (D_1 T_1)^2 + (C_1 D_1)^2, \\ D_3 &= (D_1 T_1)^2 - (C_1 T_1)^2 + (C_1 D_1)^2, \\ T_3 &= (D_1 T_1)^2 + (C_1 T_1)^2 - (C_1 D_1)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.9ii)$$

The number of multiplications in the duplication formula (4.9ii) is 8 *only* $(C_1 T_1, D_1 S_1, C_1 T_1 \cdot D_1 S_1, (C_1 T_1)^2, D_1 T_1, C_1 D_1, (D_1 T_1)^2, (C_1 D_1)^2)$, 3 of which are squaring. Perhaps (?), this is the most efficient duplication formulas which do not depend on the coefficients of an elliptic curve.

The general addition formula (4.9i) on the other hand require 17 *multiplications*, including one multiplication by a constant k^2 $(T_1 C_2, S_1 D_2, D_1 S_2, C_1 T_2, T_1 C_2 \cdot S_1 D_2, D_1 S_2 \cdot S_1 D_2, T_1 C_2 \cdot C_1 T_2, D_1 S_2 \cdot S_1 D_2, (T_1 C_2)^2, (D_1 S_2)^2, T_1 D_1, T_2 D_2, T_1 D_1 \cdot T_2 D_2, S_1 C_1, S_2 C_2, S_1 C_1 \cdot S_2 C_2, k^2 \cdot S_1 C_1 \cdot S_2 C_2)$. The number of operations in the addition formula (4.9i) can be slightly decreased, if to increase the number of variables involved by considering θ -functions of order higher than two (similar to formulas (4.5i)–(4.5ii)). Instead, we start with the Weierstrass model (b), which itself is parametrized by θ -functions of orders 2 and 4.

For the Weierstrass model (b), we introduce the homogeneous coordinates by $u = U/W$, $v = V/W^2$ and obtain the equation $(E_{a,b}^2)$: $V^2 = U^4 + aU^2W^2 + bW^4$. Then the “proper” form of the law of addition on $(E_{a,b}^2)$, that removes common factors, has the following form:

The sum, \tilde{z}_3 , of two points $\tilde{z}_1 = (U_1/W_1, V_1/W_1^2)$ and $\tilde{z}_2 = (U_2/W_2, V_2/W_2^2)$ on $(E_{a,b}^2)$ is

$$\tilde{z}_3 = (U_3/W_3, V_3/W_3^2),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U_3 &= U_1 W_1 V_2 - U_2 W_2 V_1, \\ W_3 &= U_2^2 W_1^2 - U_1^2 W_2^2, \\ V_3 &= V_1 V_2 (U_2^2 W_1^2 + U_1^2 W_2^2) \\ &\quad - U_1 U_2 W_1 W_2 (2U_1^2 U_2^2 + a(U_2^2 W_1^2 + U_1^2 W_2^2) \\ &\quad + 2b \cdot W_1^2 W_2^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4.10i)$$

The duplication formula cannot be considered as a part of (4.10i). Instead the double \tilde{z}_3 of the point $\tilde{z}_1 = (U_1/W_1, V_1/W_1^2)$ has the form

$$\tilde{z}_3 = (U_3/W_3, V_3/W_3^2),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U_3 &= U_1^4 - bW_1^4, \\ W_3 &= 2U_1V_1W_1 \\ V_3 &= V_1^4 - (a^2 - 4b)U_1^4W_1^4. \end{aligned} \quad (4.10ii)$$

The duplication formula (4.10ii) requires slightly more operations than in (4.9ii), though less storage. First of all, if a and b are arbitrary, the number of operations is *11 multiplications* ($U_1^2, W_1^2, V_1^2, U_1^4, W_1^4, V_1^4, bW_1^4, U_1^4W_1^4, (a^2 - 4b)U_1^4W_1^4, U_1V_1, U_1V_1W_1$), two of which are multiplications by fixed numbers: b and $a^2 - 4b$, and 6 of the multiplications are squarings. However, if parameters of the $(E_{a,b}^2)$ are chosen in the form: $b = \xi^2$, $a^2 - 4b = \zeta^2$, then the number of operations in the law of addition becomes *10 multiplications* ($U_1^2, W_1^2, \xi W_1^2, V_1^2, U_1^2W_1^2, \zeta U_1^2W_1^2, U_1V_1, U_1V_1W_1$ and 2 more multiplications to generate U_3, V_3). The number of operations in the general addition formula (4.10i) is *16 multiplications* and 2 multiplications by fixed integers a and b .

One can try to use, as for model (a), another form for the law of addition for $(E_{a,b}^2)$, when U_3, W_3 , and V_3 are not in the reduced form, i.e., have a common factor. An advantage of such approach is the independence of the addition formula from the parameters a and b . The new expression for the sum $\tilde{z}_3 = (U_3/W_3, V_3/W_3^2)$ of $\tilde{z}_1 = (U_1/W_1, V_1/W_1^2)$ and $\tilde{z}_2 = (U_2/W_2, V_2/W_2^2)$ is the following

$$\begin{aligned} U_3 &= W_1W_2(U_1W_1V_2 - U_2W_2V_1), \\ W_3 &= W_1W_2(U_2^2W_1^2 - U_1^2W_2^2), \\ V_3 &= W_1W_2U_1U_2(U_2^2W_1^2 - U_1^2W_2^2) \\ &\quad + W_1W_2U_1U_2(V_1^2W_2^4 + V_2^2W_1^4) \\ &\quad + (W_1W_2)^2V_1V_2(U_1^2W_2^2 + U_2^2W_1^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

Still another possibility is to use the "common sense" projective coordinates on $(E_{a,b}^2)$: $(UW : V : W^2)$. Indeed, in these notations the double of the point $\tilde{z}'_1 = (U'_1/W'_1, V'_1/W'_1)$ on $(E_{a,b}^2)$: $V'^2W'^2 = U'^4 + aU'^2W'^2 +$

bW'^4 has the form

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{z}'_3 &= (U'_3/W'_3, V'_3/W'_3); \\ U'_3 &= 2U'_1V'_1(V_1'^4 - aU_1'^2 - 2bW_1'^2), \\ W'_3 &= 4U_1'^2V_1'^2, \\ V'_3 &= V_1'^4 - (a^2 - 4b)U_1'^4.\end{aligned}\quad (4.12i)$$

Similarly, the sum of two points $\bar{z}'_1 = (U'_1/W'_1, V'_1/W'_1)$ and $\bar{z}'_2 = (U'_2/W'_2, V'_2/W'_2)$ on $(E_{a,b}^2)$ as defined as

$$\bar{z}'_3 = (U'_3/W'_3, V'_3/W'_3),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}U'_3 &= (U'_1V'_2 - U'_2V'_1) \cdot (U_2'^2 \cdot W_1'^2 - U_1'^2W_2'^2)W'_1W'_2, \\ W'_3 &= (W_1'^2U_2'^2 - W_2'^2U_1'^2)^2, \\ V'_3 &= U'_1U'_2 \cdot (W_1'U_2'^2 - W_2'U_1'^2) \\ &\quad + W'_1W'_2U'_1U'_2(V_1'^2W_2'^2 + V_2'^2W_1'^2) \\ &\quad + W'_1W'_2V'_1V'_2(U_1'^2W_2'^2 + U_2'^2W_1'^2).\end{aligned}\quad (4.12ii)$$

Let us present a comparison of the computational cost of the addition formulas (4.11) and addition and duplication formulas (4.12i)–(4.12ii). The general addition formula (4.11) on $(E_{a,b}^2)$ takes 18 multiplications (W_1W_2 , U_2W_1 , U_1W_2 , $U_1^2W_2^2$, $U_2^2W_1^2$, W_1^2 , W_2^2 , $V_1W_2^2$, $V_2W_1^2$, $V_1^2W_2^4$, $V_2^2W_1^4$, $V_1V_2 \cdot W_1^2W_2^2$, $U_1U_2W_1W_2$, $U_1W_2 \cdot V_2W_1^2$, $U_2W_1 \cdot V_1W_2^2$ and 3 more multiplications to obtain W_3 and V_3), though the law (4.11) is independent of a and b .

The total number of multiplications in the duplication formula (4.12i) is 8 plus 3 multiplications by fixed integers a , b , $a^2 - 4b$. (The number can be further reduced, if b and $a^2 - 4b$ are squares.) The number of operations to compute the addition formula (4.12ii) is 22 multiplications, but the addition formula (4.12ii) does not depend on the form of the equation $(E_{a,b}^2)$.

If one uses an addition chain or addition–subtraction chain methods of multiplication, it might be useful to have simple laws of multiplication $[n]_E(\tilde{x})$ for small n , that are simpler than those following from general addition and duplication formulas. The case in question is a simple triplication formula for the Jacobi model (c) in the notations (4.8). Let $\bar{X}_1 = (S, C, D, T)$ be the point on (E_{k^2}) . Then its triple, $\bar{X}_3 = [3]_{E_{k^2}}(\bar{X}_1)$ has the form

$$\bar{\bar{X}}_3 = (S_3, C_3, D_3, T_3),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= S(3T^8 - 4(1 + k^2)S^2T^6 + 6k^2S^4T^4 - k^4S^8), \\ C_3 &= C \cdot (T^8 - 4S^2T^6 + 6k^2S^4T^4 - 4k^4S^6T^2 + k^4S^8), \\ D_3 &= D \cdot (T^8 - 4k^2S^2T^6 + 6k^2S^4T^4 - 4k^2S^6T^2 + k^4S^8), \\ T_3 &= T \cdot (T^8 - 6k^2S^4T^4 + 4k^2(1 + k^7)S^6T^2 - 3k^4S^8). \end{aligned}$$

The number of operations in the computations $\bar{X}_3 = 3 * \bar{X}_1$ is at most 19 multiplications ($T^2, T^4, T^8, S^2, S^4, k^2S^4, k^4S^8, S^2T^4, S^2T^6, k^2S^6, k^2T^2, k^2S^2T^6, k^2S^6T^2, k^4S^6T^2, k^2S^4T^4$ and four multiplications by S, C, D , and T in S_3, C_3, D_3, T_3).

Sometimes it is preferable to set your mind on the use of simplest binary (left-to-right) method of multiplication. An example of an application of such method was given in Section 3, where a fast method of evaluation of elliptic divisibility sequences by means of recurrences (3.12) was presented. As we remarked, this binary method requires $20[\log_2 n]$ -multiplications to compute ψ_n from the initial conditions ψ_2, ψ_3, ψ_4 . Taking into account the identification (3.1), one realizes that it gives a method of computation Z_n in $\tilde{x}_n (= [n]_{E_{a,b}^1}(\tilde{x}_1)) = (X_n/Z_n^2, Y_n/Z_n^3)$ from $\tilde{x}_1 = (X_1/Z_1^2, Y_1/Z_1^3)$ and a, b on the curve $(E_{a,b}^1)$.

The binary method, that we are using, has the following pattern: you use the duplication formula to find \tilde{x}_{2n} from \tilde{x}_n , and you find \tilde{x}_{2n+1} from \tilde{x}_n and \tilde{x}_{n+1} . Thus we need: (a) the duplication formula, and (b) the law of addition in the form familiar from Jacobi [Jac1]:

$$\theta_\alpha(\bar{u} + \bar{v})\theta_\alpha(\bar{u} - \bar{v}) = \text{"polynomial in } \theta_\beta(\bar{u}), \theta_\beta(\bar{v}).\text{"} \quad (4.13)$$

It turns out that the original Jacobi computations [Jac1] for the one dimensional law of addition in the form (4.13) provide a perfect setting for the binary method of multiplications. We start with a Jacobi model (b) of the form $(E_{a,b}^2): V^2 = U^4 + aU^2W^2 + bW^4$. Then from the original formulas for the law of addition (4.10i)–(4.10ii) on $(E_{a,b}^2)$ we deduce the following "binary laws of addition": let $\tilde{z}_r = (U_r/W_r, V_r/W_r^2)$ and $\tilde{z}_s = (U_s/W_s, V_s/W_s^2)$ be two points on $(E_{a,b}^2)$. Then for the sum \tilde{z}_{r+s} and for the difference \tilde{z}_{r-s} of points \tilde{z}_r and \tilde{z}_s we obtain the expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{z}_{r+s} &= (U_{r+s}/W_{r+s}, V_{r+s}/W_{r+s}^2), \\ \bar{z}_{r-s} &= (U_{r-s}/W_{r-s}, V_{r-s}/W_{r-s}^2) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} U_{r+s}U_{r-s} &= U_r^2U_s^2 - bW_r^2W_s^2, \\ W_{r+s}W_{r-s} &= U_s^2W_r^2 - U_r^2W_s^2, \\ V_{r+s}V_{r-s} &= V_r^2V_s^2 - (a^2 - 4b)U_r^2U_s^2W_r^2W_s^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

The binary law (4.14) is used to compute \tilde{z}_{2m} and \tilde{z}_{2m+1} from \tilde{z}_m and \tilde{z}_{m+1} (and \tilde{z}_1). In obvious notations $\tilde{z}_i = (U_i/W_i, V_i/W_i^2)$, we deduce from (4.14):

$$\begin{aligned} U_{2m} &= U_m^4 - bW_m^4, & V_{2m} &= V_m^4 - (a^2 - 4b)U_m^2W_m^2, \\ W_{2m} &= 2U_mV_mW_m, \\ U_{2m+1}U_1 &= U_m^2U_{m+1}^2 - bW_m^2W_{m+1}^2, \\ W_{2m+1}W_1 &= U_m^2W_{m+1}^2 - U_{m+1}^2W_m^2, \\ V_{2m+1}V_1 &= V_m^2V_{m+1}^2 - (a^2 - 4b)U_m^2U_{m+1}^2W_m^2W_{m+1}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

The total number of multiplications in (4.15) is

(a) 18 multiplications ($U_m^2, U_m^4, V_m^2, V_m^4, W_m^2, W_m^4, U_m^4W_m^4, U_mW_m, U_mW_mV_m, U_{m+1}^2, U_m^2U_{m+1}^2, W_{m+1}^2, W_m^2W_{m+1}^2, U_m^2W_{m+1}^2, U_{m+1}^2W_m^2, V_{m+1}^2, V_m^2V_{m+1}^2, U_m^2W_{m+1}^2W_m^2U_{m+1}^2$);

(b) 4 multiplications by fixed numbers $b, (a^2 - 4b)$; and

(c) at most 2 multiplications by U_1^{-1} and V_1^{-1} (say, considered mod n as in Section 5). Here $\tilde{x}_1 = (U_1, V_1)$ is an (arbitrary) initial point on $(E_{a,b}^2)$. The number of operations can be reduced to 21 total in (a)–(b), if, as we suggested earlier, b and $a^2 - 4b$ are squares.

The most spectacular version of the binary method of multiplication can be achieved in the Jacobi model (c) in the form (E_{k^2}) —(4.8). If one uses Jacobi's law of addition (4.13) for $\theta_1(u)$ and $\theta_4(u)$ [Jac1], then it turns out that the laws of addition for $\theta_1^2(u)$ and $\theta_4^2(u)$ involve *only* θ_1^2 and θ_4^2 ! This enables us to write a binary rule of multiplication involving only two variables. In the notations of the Jacobi curve (E_{k^2}) these variables are S^2 and T^2 . To see these binary laws of addition we reproduce from [T-M; Jac1] the binary laws of addition for the function $sn^2(u) = sn^2(u, k)$:

$$\begin{aligned} sn^2(u+v) \cdot sn^2(u-v) &= \frac{(sn^2(u) - sn^2(v))^2}{(1 - k^2sn^2(u)sn^2(v))^2} \\ sn^2(2u) &= \frac{4sn^2(u) \cdot (1 - sn^2(u)) \cdot (1 - k^2sn^2(u))}{(1 - k^2sn^4(u))^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

Introducing the natural homogeneous variables X and Y such that $sn^2(u, k) = X/(kY)$, we obtain the following version of the addition law. Let $\bar{X}_r = (\bar{S}_r, \bar{C}_r, \bar{D}_r, \bar{T}_r)$ and $\bar{X}_t = (\bar{S}_t, \bar{C}_t, \bar{D}_t, \bar{T}_t)$ be two points on (E_{k^2}) , and let $\bar{X}_{r+t} = (\bar{S}_{r+t}, \bar{C}_{r+t}, \bar{D}_{r+t}, \bar{T}_{r+t})$ be the *sum*, and $\bar{X}_{r-t} =$

$(S_{r-t}, C_{r-t}, D_{r-t}, T_{r-t})$ be the *difference* of \bar{X}_r and \bar{X}_s on (E_{k^2}) . Let us put, as above,

$$\begin{aligned} S_r^2 : T_r^2 &= X_r : kY_r \\ S_t^2 : T_t^2 &= X_t : kY_t \\ S_{r+t}^2 : T_{r+t}^2 &= X_{r+t} : kY_{r+t} \\ S_{r-t}^2 : T_{r-t}^2 &= X_{r-t} : kY_{r-t}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

Then the binary form of the law of addition for $(X_{r\pm t} : Y_{r\pm t})$ from $(X_r : Y_r), (X_t : Y_t)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} X_{r+t}X_{r-t} &= (X_rY_t - X_tY_r)^2, \\ Y_{r+t}Y_{r-t} &= (X_rX_t - Y_rY_t)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.18i)$$

The duplication formulas for $(X_{2r} : Y_{2r})$ from $(X_r : Y_r)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} X_{2r} &= 4X_rY_r \left(Y_r - \frac{1}{k}X_r \right) (Y_r - kX_r) \\ &= 4X_rY_r (X_r^2 + Y_r^2 - \xi X_rY_r), \\ Y_{2r} &= (X_r^2 - Y_r^2)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.18ii)$$

with $\xi = k + 1/k$.

The total number of operations in (4.18i) is 6 *multiplications* (two of which are squarings). The number of operations in (4.18ii) is 6 *multiplications*, 3 of which are squarings and one is a multiplication by a fixed number $\xi = k + 1/k$. Thus we arrive from (4.18ii) to the following scheme of computation of $(X_{2n+1} : Y_{2n+1})$ and $(X_{2n} : Y_{2n})$ from $(X_n : Y_n)$ and $(X_{n+1} : Y_{n+1})$ (the binary method):

$$\begin{aligned} X_{2n+1} \cdot X_1 &= (X_{n+1}Y_n - X_nY_{n+1})^2, \\ Y_{2n+1} \cdot Y_1 &= (X_{n+1}X_n - Y_{n+1}Y_n)^2, \\ X_{2n} &= 4X_nY_n (X_n^2 + Y_n^2 - \xi X_nY_n), \\ Y_{2n} &= (X_n^2 - Y_n^2)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

If X_1 and Y_1 are properly chosen from (4.17) and (4.8) (say, X_1^{-1} or Y_1^{-1} is a smaller number), then the binary scheme (4.19) produces, starting from $(X_1 : Y_1)$ and ξ the n th multiple $(X_n : Y_n)$ of $(X_1 : Y_1)$ in $13[\log_2(n)]$ *multiplications*. If X_1 and Y_1 are arbitrary, one needs $11[\log_2(n)]$ *multiplications* and $3[\log_2(n)]$ *multiplications* by fixed numbers: ξ, X_1^{-1}, Y_1^{-1} .

We recommend the scheme (4.19) as a better law of addition. It should be noted, that the point on infinity on (E_k^2) in variables X, Y (4.18) corresponds to $X = 0$. Thus in the algorithms of Section 5 one should look for $\gcd(X_N, n)$, and in algorithms of Sections 2–3 one should study the divisibility properties of X_m .

4.2. (d) Our experience shows that the expression of the law of addition on the cubic Hessian form (d) of an elliptic curve is by far the best and the prettiest. First of all, it is because of the obvious homogeneous and symmetric character of the equation

$$(E_D^3): x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = Dxyz.$$

The original form for the law of addition on the general cubic, and, in particular, on the cubic (E_D^3) , belong to Cauchy (see [Des]). For the sake of completeness we present the Cauchy formulas for $\bar{\bar{X}}_3$ —the minus of the sum of two points $\bar{X}_1 = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $\bar{X}_2 = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ on (E_D^3) —

$$\bar{\bar{X}}_3 = -(\bar{X}_1 + \bar{X}_2),$$

$$\bar{\bar{X}}_3 = (x_3, y_3, z_3),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= 3y_1y_2(x_1y_2 - y_1x_2) + 3z_1z_2(x_1z_2 - z_1x_2) \\ &\quad - D(x_1^2y_2x_2 - x_2^2y_1z_1), \\ y_3 &= 3x_1x_2(y_1x_2 - x_1y_2) + 3z_1z_2(y_1z_2 - z_1y_2) \\ &\quad - D(y_1^2x_2z_2 - y_2^2x_1z_1), \\ z_3 &= 3x_1x_2(z_1x_2 - x_1z_2) + 3y_1y_2(z_1y_2 - z_2y_1) \\ &\quad - D(z_1^2x_2y_2 - z_2^2x_1y_1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

These formulas are inconvenient to use, though they were chosen in [De-F]. Sylvester was the first to note (see the derivation in [Des]), that the general formula of Cauchy, as applied to the canonical Hessian form (E_D^3) takes much simpler form.

First of all we remark that the *inverse*, $-\bar{\bar{X}}$, of the $\bar{\bar{X}} = (x, y, z)$ on (E_D^3) is

$$-\bar{\bar{X}} = (y, x, z).$$

Similarly, the neutral point on (E_D^3) corresponding to the point of infinity on the Weierstrass model of (E_D^3) is $\bar{\bar{O}} = (1, -1, 0)$.

Taking these remarks into consideration, let $\bar{X}_1 = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $\bar{X}_2 = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ be two points on (E_D^3) . Then the inverse of the sum of \bar{X}_1 and

$\bar{\bar{X}}_2$ on (E_D^3) : $\bar{\bar{X}}_3 = -(\bar{\bar{X}}_1 \oplus_{E_D^3} \bar{\bar{X}}_2)$ of two points $\bar{\bar{X}}_1 = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $\bar{\bar{X}}_2 = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ on (E_D^3) - $\bar{\bar{X}}_3 = \bar{\bar{X}}_1 \oplus_{E_D^3} \bar{\bar{X}}_2$ is $\bar{\bar{X}}_3 = (x_3, y_3, z_3)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}x_3 &= x_1^2 y_2 z_2 - x_2^2 y_1 z_1 \\y_3 &= y_1^2 x_2 z_2 - y_2^2 x_1 z_1, \\z_3 &= z_1^2 y_2 x_2 - z_2^2 y_1 x_1.\end{aligned}\quad (4.21i)$$

Here we assume that $\bar{\bar{X}}_1 \neq \bar{\bar{X}}_2$, i.e. $(x_1 : y_1 : z_1) \neq (x_2 : y_2 : z_2)$. If, however, $\bar{\bar{X}}_1 = \bar{\bar{X}}_2$, i.e. $(x_1 : y_1 : z_1) = (x_2 : y_2 : z_2)$, then we have the duplication formula for $\bar{\bar{X}}_1$. The inverse of the double of $\bar{\bar{X}}_1$ is: $\bar{\bar{X}}_3 = -(\bar{\bar{X}}_1 \oplus_{E_D^3} \bar{\bar{X}}_1)$,

$$\bar{\bar{X}}_3 = (x_3, y_3, z_3),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}x_3 &= x_1(y_1^3 - z_1^3), \\y_3 &= y_1(z_1^3 - x_1^3), \\z_3 &= z_1(x_1^3 - y_1^3).\end{aligned}\quad (4.21ii)$$

The addition of two points on (E_D^3) according to (4.21i) thus requires only 12 *multiplications* and 3 *substitutions*. The duplication of the curve of the form (E_D^3) requires 9 *multiplications* and 3 *substitutions*.

In particular, one can obtain $\bar{\bar{X}}_n$ from $\bar{\bar{X}}_1$ in the model (d): (E_D^3) in $12 \log_2 n + o(n)$ multiplications.

It is important to note that the addition laws on elliptic curves of the form (d), *do not depend* on the equation of a curve. Thus, if one starts, say with a triple

$$X = (x_1, y_1, z_1) \bmod n$$

of (non-zero) mod n numbers, then the equation (E_D^3) of the form (d), of an elliptic curve, on which X is lying, is uniquely determined as

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = Dxyz$$

for $D = (x_1^3 + y_1^3 + z_1^3)/(x_1 y_1 z_1) \bmod n$. Of course, one *does* not have to compute D at all.

5. IMPLEMENTATIONS OF ELLIPTIC CURVE FACTORIZATION ALGORITHMS

Let us describe the implementation of Lenstra's probabilistic factorization algorithm that uses elliptic curves, and its relations to other factorization algorithms.

It is useful to return to “ $n \pm 1$ ” primality testing of Section 2. We saw that the factorization (complete or partial) of $n \pm 1$ can be used to prove the primality of n . Similarly, Pollard [POL1] suggested in 1974 the “ $p - 1$ ” factorization method that used the factorization of $p - 1$ for a prime p of n , to find p itself. This method, apparently, was known for years to Lehmer and Lehmer, see [WIL1].

The idea here is the following. If you “know” that n has a factor p such that $(p - 1) | B$ say, then all powers q^a of primes that divide $p - 1$ are bounded by M : $q^a \leq M$, or $B = \text{lcm}\{1, \dots, M\}$. Then by Fermat’s little theorem:

$$a^B \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } (a, n) = 1$$

or

$$p | \gcd(n, a^B - 1).$$

Thus $\gcd(n, a^B - 1)$ gives a factor n . It was natural then to Williams *et al.* [WIL1] to propose a “ $p + 1$ ” method of factorization, that uses Lucas functions and the Little Fermat Theorem for Lucas’s sequence, to check the factorization of n , when for its suspect factor p there is a (partial) factorization of $p + 1$.

Lenstra proposed recently (see [ML1]) an elliptic generalization of “ $p \pm 1$ ” factorization method. His method starts with the key quantity—

$$N_p = p + 1 - a_p -$$

the number of points on an elliptic curve $E(\text{mod } p)$ —and may give a factorization of n if its prime factor p has a controllable factorization of N_p (i.e., when all prime factors of N_p are bounded by a quantity significantly smaller than p).

Here $|a_p| < 2\sqrt{p}$, so $N_p \in (p + 1 - 2\sqrt{p}, p + 1 + 2\sqrt{p})$. Thus Lenstra proposes to vary $E(\text{mod } n)$ randomly, so a_p is random and N_p is random in the interval $(p + 1 - 2\sqrt{p}, p + 1 + 2\sqrt{p})$. Then there are “high” chances that N_p will have only “small” factors for some $E(\text{mod } n)$, and thus $\tilde{x}_M \equiv \tilde{0} \pmod{p}$ for an appropriate computable M , and thus the gcd of n and the (denominator) of \tilde{x}_M , gives a nontrivial factor of n .

We propose the following implementation of Lenstra algorithm of factorization of a composite n . Two parameters, M_n and K_n (the running time) are described at the end of algorithm.

One starts with a composite number n and precomputes a “seed number” $N = \prod_{p \leq M_n} p^{\lfloor \log M_n / \log p \rfloor} = \text{lcm}\{1, \dots, M_n\}$. Then the following operations are repeated:

(1) Start with a “random” $\bar{\bar{X}}_1 = (x_1 : y_1 : z_1) \pmod{n}$ —say, $\bar{\bar{X}}_1 = (x_1 : y_1 : 1)$ for two “random” numbers $x_1 \pmod{n}$ and $y_1 \pmod{n}$;

(2) compute $\bar{X}_N = [N]_{E_p}(\bar{X}_1) = (x_N : y_N : z_N)$ for a seed number N , starting from \bar{X}_1 on the elliptic curve (E_D^3) in the cubic Hessian form (d) of Section 4.

(3) Check for $\lambda = \gcd(z_N, n)$. If $1 < \lambda < n$, then λ is a factor of n ; if $\lambda = n$ then one looks for \bar{X}_m as in (2) for $m|N$, say $m = \text{lcm}\{1, \dots, M'\}$ and $M' < M_n$.

If $\lambda = 1$ repeat.

The number of trials for which (1)–(3) are to be repeated to “guarantee” the factorization of n with a probability $\geq 1 - \varepsilon$ is about K_n .

The numbers M_n and K_n are defined as follows. If P ($< \sqrt{n}$) is the “expected” bound for a divisor of n and y is a solution of

$$y^2 = \frac{\log P}{\log y + 1}, \quad (5.1)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= P^{1/y}; \\ K_n &= -\log \varepsilon \cdot y^y. \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

The number of multiplications is about $12 \cdot (1 + o(1)) \cdot K_n M_n / \log 2$, the number of additions is $3(1 + o(1)) K_n M_n / \log 2$ and there are $3(1 + o(1)) K_n M_n / \log 2$ reductions mod n .

Step (2) of the algorithm—the multiplication on the elliptic curve—takes practically the entire running time. It is here, where all the exercises of Section 4 appear. Depending on the model and on the scheme of multiplication, and also due to the randomness in the choice of curve, the time in part (2) can vary significantly. We implemented parts (1)–(2) of the algorithm for nearly all schemes of addition laws from Section 4. Our preferences clearly lies with the cubic model (d). However, the Weierstrass model (a) performed fairly. Sometimes, it is advantageous to use the binary method of multiplication in Jacobi model (c) in the form (4.19) because of its simplicity. Another point, connected with comments of Section 6, is the choice of “random” elliptic curve and a point on it. This is done naturally for the cubic curves (d) in step (1) above, because a point \bar{X}_1 determines a curve (E_D^3) . It is not obvious, though, how to find a point on an elliptic curve in models (a)–(c). We propose the following simplest recipes. For the Weierstrass model (a), one can choose randomly $x \bmod n$, $y \bmod n$, and $a \bmod n$ (either randomly or as $a \equiv 1$ or $a \equiv -3$ as recommended in Section 4) and then put $b = y^2 - x^3 - ax \bmod n$. If, in the Weierstrass model (a) one wants to have all possible values of the invariant j , the most known form of the curve $(E_{a,b}^1)$, having the invariant j is $(E_{a,-a}^1)$: $y^2 = x^3 + a(x - 1)$ for $a = 27j/(4(1 - j))$. The nontrivial point on this curve is $(x, y) = (1, 1)$. If one wants a point on a Jacobi curve in the form (b), similar arguments can be

applied. This is not the case, however, with the Jacobi model (c). The difference can be explained by looking on the corresponding elliptic surfaces. The elliptic curve $(E_{a,-a}^1)$ above, considered over the function field $\mathbb{C}(j)$, has rank of its Mordell–Weil group one. On the other hand, the elliptic curve of the form (c)—(4.8)—considered over $\mathbb{C}(k)$, has only torsion points. One can use the following alternative: choose randomly $x, y, z \bmod n$ and put $k^2 = ((x^2 + y^2)^2 - z^2)/(4x^2y^2) \bmod n$, and get a nontrivial point $\bar{X}_1 = (2xy, x^2 - y^2, z, x^2 + y^2) \bmod n$ on the curve $(E_{k^2}^2)$.

Our personal experience with the implementation of Lenstra's algorithm is, generally speaking, positive. We are not going to compare it with other factorization algorithms (see Introduction). It seems that the general algorithm (1)–(3), together with various modifications of Sections 4 and 6, is powerful enough to factorize numbers accessible to other methods only on very big machines with highly customized software. We, on the contrary, use LISP(!) as a programming language and standard IBM hardware.

We will describe successes of various implementations of factorization algorithms in our next report.

6. MORE ON ELLIPTIC CURVES AND ABELIAN VARIETIES

We want to comment on some ways of reducing the number of operations in computations with elliptic curves.

One of the bottlenecks in implementation of the factorization algorithm of Section 5 is the computation of \bar{X}_N in step (2) for a large $N \sim e^{M_n}$, where M_n is determined by (5.1), (5.2). Clearly, N is enormous, when P (the bound on the factor of n) is large. One of the ways to decrease N , and thus the number of operations in step (2), is to be sure that the order N_p of $E \bmod p$ is a priori divisible by some number m . In this case P in (5.1)–(5.2) can be substituted by P/m . To achieve such a situation one should start with an elliptic curve E having a torsion point of order m . In fact, it is enough to examine the cases, when the Galois group of the Tate module E_l for $l|m$ is smaller than a generic one. Unfortunately, such elliptic curves exist in characteristic zero over \mathbb{Q} only for a few m or a few curves (due to Mazur [Maz1] and the Mordell conjecture). Moreover, even in the cases, when the torsion is parametrizable over \mathbb{Q} (15 exceptional torsion subgroups), it is not easy to construct rationally an elliptic curve E_{ex} with a given torsion subgroup (genus zero case for an appropriate modular curve) and a point of infinite order on this curve. Without such a point of infinite order in characteristic zero, it would be hard to find nontrivial points on $E_{\text{ex}} \bmod n$ for a composite n . Still it is possible to obtain a model of an elliptic curve $E_{\text{ex}} = E_{\text{ex}}(t)$, having over $\mathbb{Q}(t)$ exceptional torsion subgroups,

and having over $\mathbf{Q}(t)$ a point of infinite order. If $f: X \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(t)$ is the Neron model of $E(t)/\mathbf{C}(t)$, and p_g be the arithmetic genus of X , then $p_g = 0$ can happen only when the order m of the torsion subgroup is bounded by 4. For $p_g = 1$ the only new torsion subgroups are $\mathbf{Z}/5\mathbf{Z}$, $\mathbf{Z}/6\mathbf{Z}$, $\mathbf{Z}/4\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$, $\mathbf{Z}/3\mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/3\mathbf{Z}$ (the last case is over $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, t)$), cf. [Cox].

Nevertheless, the construction of elliptic curves E/\mathbb{F}_p with an arbitrary torsion m is definitely possible, however large m is. One simply looks on mod p solutions to the modular equations, or, in other words, on points on modular curves, like $X_1(m)$ over finite fields. In our implementations with various m , this and other methods were often useful, when, say, the number n is of a particular form (so that roots of unity mod n are easy to find: e.g., n is of the form $a^k - 1$), or when one searches for a curve $E \bmod n$ with a large torsion and finds it “half of the time.” It is possible that the method of choosing large m can lead to a significant reduction of part (2) of the algorithm of Section 5. In this method one takes a special representation of E , say with $j = P(x)$, and a model of $X_1(m)$ as a covering of x -plane of the smallest degree.

A large field for future studies is open by the possibility of considering other algebraic laws of addition related to the Frobenius operator (say, cubic surfaces or intermediate Jacobians). These methods are, actually, useful in various primality tests similar to those described in Section 2. We already remarked in this relation that the use of Abelian varieties with complex multiplications [T1, H1] allows us to obtain the tests of primality of n depending on (complete or partial) factorization of $n^a \pm n^b + 1$ with integers $a > b$. The use of CM-curves and varieties is by far the best method of primality proving. Little Fermat theorem 1.5 and its natural generalizations provide us with a variety of such primality tests involving ζ -functions of algebraic varieties over function fields. Implementation of these tests is a serious problem because explicit expression for addition laws are hard to come by.

In the factorization algorithm of Section 4 the immediate use of higher dimensional Abelian varieties does not seem to be helpful, because whenever $g > 1$, N_p grows as $p^g + O(p^{g/2})$ and “it is less likely” that N_p will be divisible by small primes only. Nevertheless, several possibilities arise. First of all we can try to decrease the number of computations. For this we propose to consider g “arbitrary” elliptic curves simultaneously as a single Jacobian of a curve of genus $g > 1$, isogeneous to the product of these g elliptic curves. For $g > 3$ we do not know whether such a Jacobian always exists (and whether the coefficients of the corresponding curve are algebraic functions in invariants of elliptic curves). However, for $g = 2$ and $g = 3$ we have explicit formulas, connected with our work on poles of meromorphic solutions of the Kadomtzev–Petviashvili equation [CH5]. We have studied, in general, various possible forms of laws of addition on Abelian varieties,

Prym varieties, and Abelian surfaces for small genres and their computer implementations. In particular, we investigated simple forms of laws of addition on hyperelliptic surfaces, isogenous to the product of two elliptic curves. The number of operations for a duplication on such a surface is *14 multiplications* (i.e., 7×2 for 2 curves) and *23 multiplications* for the general addition.

Expressions for laws of addition of Jacobians and other Abelian varieties can be found, e.g., in [BA, IGU, MUM]. The use of θ -functions with characteristics provides a simple form of the addition law, however, a number of variables is growing fast with the genus (dimension) g . Laws of addition on Jacobians and Abelian varieties are nicely presented through their representation (see [MUM]) as intersection of quadrics (cf., with the Jacobi model (c) of Sect. 4). For the 2-dimensional case we have chosen even θ -functions of order two and a Kummer surface parametrized by them.

We present here only the duplication formula on Kummer surfaces. For a point $\bar{\bar{X}}_1 = (x, y, z, w)$ on a Kummer surface ($g = 2$), we put

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= (x + y + z + w)^2, \\ y' &= y_0 \cdot (x + y - z - w)^2, \\ z' &= z_0 \cdot (x - y + z - w)^2, \\ w' &= w_0 \cdot (x - y - z + w)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (6.1)$$

Then the double $\bar{\bar{X}}_2$ of $\bar{\bar{X}}_1$ is defined as

$$\bar{\bar{X}}_2 = (x_2, y_2, z_2, w_2),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= (x' + y' + z' + w')^2, \\ y_2 &= y_0 \cdot (x' + y' - z' - w')^2, \\ z_2 &= z_0 \cdot (x' - y' + z' - w')^2, \\ w_2 &= w_0 \cdot (x' - y' - z' + w')^2. \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= (\mu - 1)(\nu - 1)/(\mu + 1)(\nu + 1), \\ z_0 &= (\nu - 1)(\lambda - 1)/(\nu + 1)(\lambda + 1), \\ w_0 &= (\lambda - 1)(\mu - 1)/(\lambda + 1)(\mu + 1), \\ y_0 &= (\lambda\mu\nu - 1)/(\lambda - \mu\nu), \\ z_0 &= (\lambda\mu\nu - 1)/(\mu - \nu\lambda), \\ w_0 &= (\lambda\mu\nu - 1)/(\nu - \lambda\mu), \end{aligned}$$

and λ, μ, ν are the moduli of the hyperelliptic curves—explicit functions of coefficients of the quintic polynomial $P_5(x)$ in the hyperelliptic curve equation $y^2 = P_5(x)$. The values of $y'_0, z'_0, \dots, z_0, w_0$ are precomputed mod n .

Note a pretty symmetry in the doubling formulas (6.1)–(6.2); also most of the multiplications are squares (and others are multiplications by fixed numbers).

We did not yet address the question of the distribution of the trace of Frobenius a_p , or, of $N_p = p + 1 - a_p$, as an elliptic curve $E \pmod{p}$ varies and p is fixed. This is not the Sato–Tate distribution problem, though it is related [SAR]. This problem is important in the analysis of Lenstra's probabilistic algorithm of Section 5.

There are at most $[4\sqrt{p}]$ values of a_p , but there are p nonisomorphic curves mod p , if to count only absolute invariants (in general, there are p^2 curves in the Weierstrass form). What is the distribution function of $E \rightarrow a_p(E)$ as a curve $E \pmod{p}$ varies? It is convenient here to use the Legendre form E_λ , introduced in Section 1 with $a_p = a_p(\lambda)$ defined there. Let us denote

$$u_p(\lambda) = a_p(\lambda)^2/p$$

(i.e., $0 \leq u_p(\lambda) \leq 4$), then the trace formula implies [YAM] that the distribution function of $u_p(\lambda)$ with a fixed (large) p is

$$\rho(u) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4-u}{u}}. \quad (6.3)$$

Thus one is more likely to get a small value of $a_p(\lambda)$. However, the distribution (6.3) has little to do with the speed of Lenstra's algorithm, where the distribution of numbers with small prime factors is more important than that of traces of Frobenius.

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