

The Arithmetic Of elliptic Curve for Prime Curve Secp-384r1 using One Variable Polynomial Division for Security of Transport Layer Protocol

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Abstract: In this paper, we present a new method for solving multivariate polynomial elliptic curve equations over a finite field. The arithmetic of elliptic curve is implemented using the mathematical function trace of finite fields. We explain the approach which is based on one variable polynomial division. This is achieved by identifying the plane $F_p \times F_{pp}$ with the extension of F_{p^2} and transforming elliptic curve equations as well as line equations arising in point addition or point doubling into one variable polynomial. Hence the intersection of the line with the curve is analogous to the roots of the division between these polynomials. Hence this is the different way of computing arithmetic of elliptic curve. Transport layer security provides end-to-end security services for applications that use a reliable transport layer protocol such as TCP. Two Protocols are dominant today for providing security at the transport layer, the secure socket layer (SSL) protocol and transport layer security (TLS) protocol. One of the goals of these protocols is to provide server and client authentication, data confidentiality and data integrity. The above goals are achieved by establishing the keys between server and client, the algorithm is called elliptic curve digital signature algorithm (ECDSA) and elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH). These algorithms are implemented using standard for efficient cryptography (SEC) prime field elliptic curve secp-384r1 currently specified in NSA Suite B Cryptography. The algorithm is verified on elliptic curve secp-384r1 and is shown to be adaptable to perform computation.

Key words: Transport layer, Elliptic curve arithmetic, Polynomial division.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cryptography is an essential component of modern electronic commerce. With the explosion of transactions being conducted over the Internet, ensuring the security of data transfer is critically important. Considerable amounts of money are being exchanged over the network, either through e-commerce sites, auction sites, online banking, stock threading, and even government.[9] Communication with these sites is secured by the Secure Socket Layer (SSL) or its variant, Transport Layer Security (TLS), which are used to provide authentication, privacy, and integrity[9].

A key component of the security of SSL/TLS is the cryptographic strength of the underlying algorithm used by the protocol. In this paper, we have implemented one variable based elliptic curve algorithms, a unique way of solving computation of elliptic curve which is distinct from that given in [4].

A. Elliptic Curve

Elliptic curves are defined over prime field F_p where p is a prime number. The general form of the elliptic curve which is used in most of the elliptic curve cryptographic application is Weierstrass curve[1]. The general equation form of this curve is

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{F_p} \quad (1)$$

where $a, b \in F_p$

Each value of a, b gives a different elliptic curve. All points (x, y) corresponds to (h, k) which satisfies the above equation pulse point at infinity lies on the elliptic curve. Elliptic curve cryptography is asymmetric/public key cryptosystem which is based on two keys public key a private key. The public key is a point on the elliptic curve and the private key is a random number from the field [1][2].

B. Elliptic Curve Arithmetic Operation

The existing approach of elliptic curve arithmetic used in public key cryptography is based on addition and doubling of elliptic curve points over prime field[1][2]. It is represented by following simplified form

- Two points $P=(h_1, k_1)$ and $Q=(h_2, k_2)$ located on Elliptic curve E over F_p . When $p \neq Q$ the addition of two points generate the third point by computing equations (2),(3).

$$h_3 = (m^2 - h_1 - h_2) \pmod{F_p} \quad (2)$$

$$k_3 = (m(h_1 - h_3) - k_1) \pmod{F_p} \quad (3)$$

Where $m = \frac{k_2 - k_1}{h_2 - h_1}$

- When $P=Q$ doubling of point generate third point from equation (2) and (3). Where $m = \frac{3h_1^2 + a}{2k_1}$.
- The above approach is based on two variables h and k . The operations involved in the above computations are addition, additive inverse, multiplication, squaring and inversion[1][2]. The proposed approach is simply based on the division of polynomials over finite field. One of the major time consuming finite field operation inversion is not computed in our approach.

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II. ONE VARIABLE CONVERSION

A polynomial function $f(h, k)$ over F_p is a polynomial with co-efficients in F_p where the variables h, k take values in F_p . Hence such a function is a map from F_p^2 to F_p . To convert any equation $f(h, k) = 0$ to one variable we can identify F_p^2 with the field F_{p^2} by defining a variable $z = h + k\theta$ and treat the equation as an equation over F_{p^2} . where θ is a root of a second degree irreducible polynomial over F_p . A system of equations in variables h, k can also be treated as a single variable polynomial system over this extended field. Then the computation of solutions of this system can be performed by one variable polynomial arithmetic over F_{p^2} using Euclidean division. This is in short one variable approach to explained systems of polynomials in multiple variables as developed in this paper[3].

We now describe the above conversion to one variable polynomial. Lets $\varphi(x)$ be a second-degree irreducible polynomial over F_p and $\varphi(\theta) = 0$. Define $z = h + k\theta$ then h and k are linear function of z which is in F_{p^2} . Hence there exist α_1, α_2 in F_{p^2} such that $h = Tr(\alpha_1 z), k = Tr(\alpha_2 z)$. Then substituting for h, k in equations $f(h, k) = 0$ we get $F(z) = f(Tr(\alpha_1 z), Tr(\alpha_2 z)) = 0$. This way an equation in two variable is treated as an equation in one variable over F_{p^2} . The roots z in F_{p^2} of this equation give the solutions of the original equation, where h, k components give solution of both variables over F_p [5][8].

A. Elliptic Curve Arithmetic in One Variable

Consider an equation $f_E(h, k) = 0$ of an EC over F_p denoted E and let $F_E(z)$ be the one variable polynomial corresponding to the above one variable conversion over elliptic curve E . Let $P = (c, d)$ be a point on E . Then P also corresponds to $t = c + d\theta$ in F_{p^2} and since $f_E(h, k) = 0$ is an equation of the elliptic curve over F_p then t is a root of $F_E(z)$ after converting the EC equation to one variable as above. Hence entire E is the set of roots of this polynomial function $F_E(z)$. Now if points P, Q are in E (which corresponds to t, s in one variable), $l(h, k) = 0$ is the equation of the line through these points, then t, s are roots of $L(z) = 0$ after one variable conversion of $l(h, k)$. Hence $(z - t)(z - s)$ divides $\gcd(F_E(z), L(z))$. Since $P+Q$ or $[2]P$ is the reflection of the third point common to E and the line equation, the gcd is exactly of degree at most three and the third root of this gcd gives point $R = (r_h, r_k)$ corresponding to the third root $r = r_h + r_k\theta$. Hence the point addition (respectively doubling) is $-R$ which for non binary F is (r_h, r_k) . In this way the EC arithmetic can be completely achieved by polynomial division and gcd computation over F_{p^2} [5][8].

However, the field F_{p^2} is of squared size of F_p , the degree of the EC polynomial $F_E(z)$ is $3p$ and the degree of the line polynomial is p . Hence the Euclidean division required to compute $\gcd(F_E(z), L(z))$ is not likely to be scalable for practically large size of q which is roughly 160 bits or more in size. This is where a following surprising observation comes into picture. Due to lack of a mathematical proof to justify this observation we made this as conjecture

Conjecture 1. Let $F_E(z)$ be a one variable polynomial corresponding to E over and $L(z)$ be a polynomial

corresponding to an equation of a line passing through points P, Q on E (respectively tangent at P) then

$$\gcd(F_E(z), L(z)) = \text{mod}(F_E(z), L(z)) \quad (1)$$

A curiosity about this conclusion is that although degree of $F_E(z)$ is $3p$ and that of L is p the gcd get computed in a single shot by just one division as shown above and no successive calculations of remainders are needed. Therefore, the EC arithmetic by polynomial division using the single variable approach becomes scalable. The above approach is verified on large prime field elliptic curve Secp384r1 which is used for ECDSA and ECDH algorithm. The parameters for secp384r1 recommended by the standard of efficient cryptography (SEC)[3].

III. PROPOSED WORK

The algorithm for point addition and doubling in this approach can be split into the offline and online computation. The offline computation corresponds to the generation of one variable polynomial elliptic curve equation $F_E(z) = 0$. This subsumes computation of constants α_1, α_2 . Online computation then corresponds to formation of the line equation $L(z) = 0$ in one variable and computation of the residue as in (1) which returns the gcd according to the observation in the conjecture [7].

A. One Variable Polynomial Approach

1) Find a second degree irreducible polynomial $\varphi(X)$ over F_p and denotes its roots by θ . points (h, k) in F_p^2 correspond to $z = h + k\theta$ in F_{p^2} .

2) Offline Computation

- Compute α_1, α_2 in F_{p^2} from values of $Tr(\alpha_i z)$ for $z = h + k\theta$.

- The expressions of h, k co-ordinates in z requires computation of constants α_1, α_2 such that

$$h = Tr(\alpha_1 z), k = Tr(\alpha_2 z) \quad (4)$$

where $\alpha_1 = a_1 + b_1\theta, \alpha_2 = c_1 + d_1\theta$

- Due to linearity of the trace on F_{p^2} . [6][7] we get

$$Tr(\alpha_1 z) = xTr(\alpha_1 1) + yTr(\alpha_1 \theta) \quad (5)$$

$$Tr(\alpha_2 z) = xTr(\alpha_2 1) + yTr(\alpha_2 \theta) \quad (6)$$

- After substituting for z equal to 1 and θ in equation (5) and (6) it follows that α_1 and α_2 satisfy following equations.

$$Tr(\alpha_1 1) = 1, Tr(\alpha_1 \theta) = 0$$

$$Tr(\alpha_2 1) = 0, Tr(\alpha_2 \theta) = 1$$

- Transform equation $f_E(h, k) = 0$ by substituting $h = Tr(\alpha_1 z), k = Tr(\alpha_2 z)$.

3) Online computation

- Point addition. Let $P = (h_1, k_1), Q = (h_2, k_2)$ be points on E corresponds to t, s in F_{p^2} , let $l(h, k) = 0$ be the equation of the line through P, Q . Transform $l(h, k)$ to $L(z)$ substituting h, k in terms of z as above.



58667907737982074879z⁷⁸⁸⁰⁴⁰¹²³⁹²⁷⁸⁸⁹⁵⁸⁴²⁴⁵⁵⁸⁰⁸⁰²⁰⁰²⁸⁷²²⁷⁶¹⁰¹⁵⁹⁴
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 +
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 218155559827644680819072571656234430157553627529
 79333953868991037440 θ+
 262680041309296528081860267334290758700531595136
 436311119655289361638145143312468860315107255059
 58667907737982074879)z³⁹⁴⁰²⁰⁰⁶¹⁹⁶³⁹⁴⁴⁷⁹²¹²²⁷⁹⁰⁴⁰¹⁰⁰¹⁴³⁶¹³⁸⁰⁵⁰⁷⁹
 73927046544666794829340424572177149687032904726608825893800186160697311232

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 262680041309296528081860267334290758700531595136
 436311119655289361638145143312468860315107255059
 58667907737982074880z³⁹⁴⁰²⁰⁰⁶¹⁹⁶³⁹⁴⁴⁷⁹²¹²²⁷⁹⁰⁴⁰¹⁰⁰¹⁴³⁶¹³⁸⁰⁵⁰⁷⁹⁷
 39270465446667948293404245721771496870329047266088258938001861606973112320

+ (θ + 2)
 z³⁹⁴⁰²⁰⁰⁶¹⁹⁶³⁹⁴⁴⁷⁹²¹²²⁷⁹⁰⁴⁰¹⁰⁰¹⁴³⁶¹³⁸⁰⁵⁰⁷⁹⁷³⁹²⁷⁰⁴⁶⁵⁴⁴⁶⁶⁶⁷⁹⁴⁸²⁹³⁴⁰⁴²⁴⁵⁷²¹⁷⁷
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 +
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 121037065517631205460483811041562867717024183531
 9555969245994024960 θ+
 437800068848827546803100445557151264500885991894
 060518532758815602730241905520781433858512091765
 9777984622997012480)z³
 +
 262680041309296528081860267334290758700531595136
 436311119655289361638145143312468860315107255059
 58667907737982074879z²
 +
 (394020061963944792122790401001436138050797392704
 654466679482934042457217714968703290472660882589
 38001861606973112318 θ + 1)z +
 118218126364347733344300282597545657120228334141
 038781465195861022570325301870094639110053233751
 92894096167211881744

Online Computation

- Line equation L(z) obtained from random points by substituting x,y in one variable form for point addition
- P = (h₁, k₁) and Q = (h₂, k₂)
- P =
 (5189526572741699611751410419603195384402795421
 0230078580228920589679859119550185286426281339
 08191522536121516815196,
 3883791216729376001794572946586559985998942732
 8518773200353544656450477737727968935809772156
 386761999819316677349639)
- Q =
 (1235907809180578983623100984321971513363601388
 0368611222031140974769355757325298072609112548
 765537163463854990993467,
 2804372731788538536540906255196042074440664046
 9488701971162052559823407398951025452123706940
 773983876729547209445919)
- Line equation in one variable form
 L(z) =
 ((h₂ - h₁)Tr(α₂z)) - ((h₂ - h₁)Trα₁z) -
 k₁h₂ - h₂h₁)
 L(z)=
 8377762629178851700498621920379406204683074592
 5737593190693299760766033431725008572063446817
 75823134981745472086754 θ +
 9585973739293613176517644417142292660132930725
 8019152741304110363518368409747221704462049486
 94300629035757469995237)z³⁹⁴⁰²⁰⁰⁶¹⁹⁶³⁹⁴⁴⁷⁹²¹²²⁷⁹⁰⁴⁰¹⁰⁰¹⁴³⁶¹
 380507973927046544666794829340424572177149687032904726608825893800186160

6973112319 +
 (3102424356721562751178041817976420760039666467
 7891687348878963428169118428324369471840921406
 483114866879861501025565 θ +
 1208211110114761476019022496762886455449856133
 2281559550610810602752334978022213132398602669
 18477494054011997908483)z +
 1577344545665037875263852445074336401245539592
 2254533584784750303862179008707875881511312698
 857161921175088604293969

- Compute H(z) and M(z)

$$H(z) = \text{mod}((F_E(z), L(z)))$$

$$H(z) = z^3 +$$
 (1129304964966872516846918639722530080182777239
 9827715398044758192435532385809852503308398775
 908212504144627982584420 θ +
 3709702623827798904307369437769737920410230635
 3143426451815210776520289264044835881194476757
 029676690200569478513012) z² +
 (7484832294605336311995386433075181374102724152
 2905298152150814227750526494477816580065393449
 35172320106992161000908 θ +
 1904212001676011943494425741518603446428002896
 0051153318481193784093613897
 38280391444640589312289062143400978338198)z +
 3417179582341767416362417780726407636446175884
 8691339790843073156664762143288766683853357798
 599063181135030709959178 θ +
 2385844410224516583671028029863606868087736117
 1673008101422636153659440448140686201665653422
 869221203977446977671505
- and M(z) = H(z)/χ(z),
 where χ(z) = (z - t)(z - s)

$$\chi(z) = z^2 +$$
 (1192237290760981304120328818246120700576341074
 2923418164380989592217558406314746270161053079
 357130127174350059429080 θ +
 2185340153184698976429661983732070328704092996
 9073827587894260370508380102216553727795525405
 585209315861630465303656)z +
 3869790797037107233304263176677924121886901043
 3968442974169462023933856748786975561181446271
 14463827827651881916095 θ +
 3458214398901465664138870402954811269308255001
 5414781381560364729634735486181803918771750035
 988092313846363993771557
- M(z) = z + h₃ + k₃θ, h₃, k₃ are root of M(z)
- M(z) = z +
 3877268293845339133954493831490770760114410092
 7369743901612062004463695750991976562194611784
 810020378831884896267659 θ +
 1524362470643099927877707454037667591706137638
 4069598863920950406011909161828282153398951351
 444467374338939013209356
- R* = (h₃, k₃),
 -R* = (h₃, -k₃) =
 (2415838148996347993350196555976693788801836288



6395847804027342998233812609668588175648314736
814470627522667959902963,
3877268293845339133954493831490770760114410092
7369743901612062004463695750991976562194611784
810020378831884896267659)

11. For point doubling

$$L(z) = (2k_1 Tr(\alpha_2 z) - (3h_1^2 + a)(Tr(\alpha_1 z) - (-h_1^3 + ah_1 + 2b))$$

12. Repeat the above steps with $\chi(z) = (z - t)^2$.

The R^* is the point obtained by addition of two points P and Q. The algorithm was also verified for point doubling and scalar multiplication.

Thus, above example give us expansive idea of one variable polynomial division approach. The following section give the overview of how this approach is implemented in elliptic curve digital signature(ECDSA) or Digital signatur algorithm(DSA)[1][2].The above arithmetic is implemented using Sagemath open source software[11].

The computation time required for the above computation in second is given in the following table I.

Elliptic Curve	Point Addition	Point Doubling	Scalar Multiplication
Secp384r1	0.0051	0.0038	2.27

Table I. Computation time in second

The computation time as mentioned in the table I can be optimized by decomposition and parallel computation

V. ECDSA IN TRANSPORT LAYER PROTOCOL

Transport layer protocol provides authentication mechanism, encryption algorithms that used during the secure session. The implementation of ECDSA in TLS security should follow the processes of keygeneration, signing and verification algorithm. In ECDSA the key generation is based on ECC algorithm. Following section gives the implementation of key generation process on prime curve secp384r1.

A. Key Pair Generation

The key pair in ECDSA is generated based on the domain parameters, the domain parameters are listed in section 4 for curve secp384r1.

1. Choose a point $P(h_p, k_p)$ on the curve and a random integer $s \in [1, n - 1]$.

2. Compute $Q(h_q, k_q) = sP$, the point Q is also on the curve.

3. Public key is Q and private key is s.

- Point: $P(h_p, k_p) = G(\text{base point}) = (26247035095799689268623156744566981891852923491109213387815615900925518854738050089022388053975719786650872476732087, 8325710961489029985546751289520108179287853048861315594709205902480503199884419224438643760392947333078086511627871)$

- Random integer : $S = (\text{Private key}) 9173994463960286046443283581208347763186259956673124494950032159599396260248786556468032686736042971441523$

- Public key : $Q(h_q, k_q) = S * P (1691986347862417604007362673301723731418968148$

0315808721710466215365596137125833822987836866
307383605967147189561714,
1348729823180250329990779267419277125356054270
5659570467965315331578671894647986626664373641
603174348410513645495100)

- The public key is known to everyone and the private key is a secret key which is difficult to hack to the cryptanalysis.

VI. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

What we proposed here is not just a new algorithm, but a new way to look at the problem of solving a set of multivariate polynomial equations over finite field. Our goal in this paper is to examine a different way of solving arithmetic of elliptic curve secp384r1. The scalability of this approach proves in the conjecture (1) due to which this approach is practicable and is beneficial to improve the strength of the cryptographic algorithm which is used for authentication, data confidentiality and data integrity.

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