

Genus 1 point counting in essentially quartic time and quadratic space

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A quote from the 2007 record holder (2500 digits)

“Despite this progress, computing modular polynomials remains the stumbling block for new point counting records. Clearly, to circumvent the memory problems, one would need an algorithm that directly obtains the polynomial specialised in one variable.”

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The Classical Modular Polynomial $\Phi_\ell(X, Y)$

$\Phi_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}[X, Y]$ parameterizes pairs of ℓ -isogenous elliptic curves. It is symmetric, with degree $\ell + 1$ in both X and Y .

ℓ	coefficients	largest	average	total
127	8258	7.5kb	5.3kb	5.5MB
251	31880	16kb	12kb	48MB
503	127262	36kb	27kb	431MB
1009	510557	78kb	60kb	3.9GB
2003	2009012	166kb	132kb	33GB
3001	4507505	259kb	208kb	117GB
4001	8010005	356kb	287kb	287GB
5003	12522512	454kb	369kb	577GB
10007	50085038	968kb	774kb	4.8TB

Size of $\Phi_\ell(X, Y)$

Plan of the talk

- ▶ A quick review of the SEA algorithm and its complexity.
- ▶ Instantiated modular polynomials using the CRT.
- ▶ Modular polynomials via isogeny volcanoes.
- ▶ Numerical results (5000+ digit record).

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We can use this to compute multiples of a point $P = (x, y)$:

$$2P = \left(\frac{x^4 - 2ax^2 - 8bx + a^2}{(2y)^2}, \frac{x^6 + 5ax^4 + 20bx^3 - 5a^2x^2 - 4abx - a^3 - 8b^2}{(2y)^3} \right)$$

$$3P = \left(\frac{x^9 - 12ax^7 - \dots + 64b^3}{(3x^4 + 6ax^2 + 12bx - a^2)^2}, \frac{4x^{15} + 92ax^{13} + \dots - 2048b^5}{(3x^4 + 6ax^2 + 12bx - a^2)^3} \right)$$

$$4P = \dots$$

Division polynomials

In general, the ℓ th multiple of $P = (x, y)$ may be written as

$$\ell P = \left(\frac{\theta_\ell(x, y)}{\psi_\ell(x, y)^2}, \frac{\omega_\ell(x, y)}{\psi_\ell(x, y)^3} \right)$$

where $\theta_\ell, \omega_\ell, \psi_\ell$ are polynomials in x and y .

The ℓ th *division polynomial* of E defined by

$$f_\ell = \begin{cases} \psi_\ell & \text{if } \ell \text{ is odd} \\ \psi_\ell/\psi_2 & \text{if } \ell \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

is a univariate polynomial in x . It has degree $O(\ell^2)$ and its roots are the abscissa of the nontrivial points in $E[\ell]$.

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The computation of (x^q, y^q) in $\mathbb{F}_q[x, y]/(f_\ell, E)$ dominates:

$$\text{Time} = \sum_{\ell} O(nM(\ell^2 n)) = O(n^5 \log n)$$

$$\text{Space} = \max_{\ell} O(\ell^2 n) = O(n^3)$$

SEA algorithm (Elkies version)

1. For sufficiently many primes ℓ (up to $\approx n$):

Compute $\Phi_\ell(X, Y)$.

Evaluate $\phi_\ell(Y) = \Phi_\ell(j, Y)$, where $j = j(E)$.

If ϕ_ℓ has a root \tilde{j} in \mathbb{F}_q :

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 Compute a factor g_ℓ of f_ℓ .

 Determine which $\lambda_\ell = 0, 1, \dots, \ell - 1$ satisfies

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 and set $t_\ell = \lambda_\ell + q_\ell/\lambda_\ell \pmod{\ell}$.

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SEA complexity

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Algorithms to compute Φ_ℓ

q -expansions:

(Atkin ?, Elkies '92, '98, LMMS '94, Morain '95, Müller '95, BCRS '99)

$$\Phi_\ell \bmod p: \quad O(\ell^{3+\epsilon} \ell \log^{1+\epsilon} p) \quad (p > \ell + 1)$$

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evaluation-interpolation: (Enge 2009)

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We can directly compute $\Phi_\ell \bmod q$ using $O(\ell^2(n + \log \ell))$ space. But this is still bigger than we want (or need)...

Explicit Chinese Remainder Theorem

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Using an online algorithm, this can be applied to N coefficients c in parallel, using $O(\log M + k \log q + N(\log q + \log k)) \approx O(N \log q)$ space.

Montgomery-Silverman 1990, Bernstein 1995, S 2009.

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In situations where $n \ll \ell$ this may be useful, but not in SEA.

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Now “sufficiently many” is $O(\ell + n)$.

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This is perfect for SEA, and can also be applied to the partial derivatives of Φ_ℓ , which we need to construct \tilde{E} .

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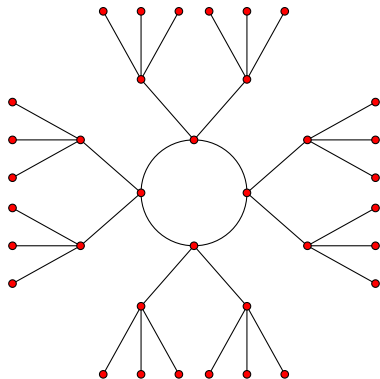
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We can simultaneously compute $\phi_\ell \bmod q$ for $O(\log^2 n)$ curves at essentially no additional cost.

Amortized complexity: $O(n^4 \log n)$ time using $O(n^2)$ space.



A 3-volcano of depth 2



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The integers ℓ , d , and $|V_0|$ uniquely determine the shape.

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The ℓ -isogeny graph G_ℓ has vertex set $\{j(E) : E/\mathbb{F}_q\}$ and edges (j_1, j_2) whenever $\Phi_\ell(j_1, j_2) = 0$ (in \mathbb{F}_q).

The neighbors of j are the roots of $\phi_\ell(X) = \Phi_\ell(X, j)$.

The ℓ -isogeny graph G_ℓ

Some facts about G_ℓ (Kohel, Fouquet-Morain):

- ▶ The ordinary components of G_ℓ are ℓ -volcanoes (provided they don't contain $j = 0, 1728$).
- ▶ Curves at level V_i of an ℓ -volcano have the same endomorphism ring, isomorphic to an imaginary quadratic order \mathcal{O}_i .
- ▶ The order \mathcal{O}_0 is maximal at ℓ , and $\mathcal{O}_i \subset \mathcal{O}_0$ has index ℓ^i .
- ▶ The depth is $d = \frac{1}{2} \nu_\ell \left(\frac{\ell^2 - 4p}{\text{disc}(\mathcal{O})} \right)$.

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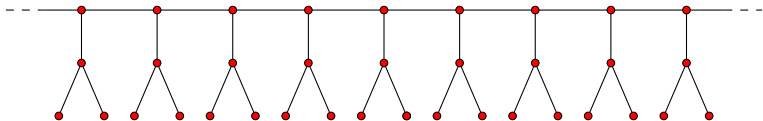
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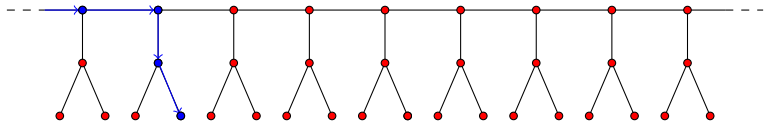
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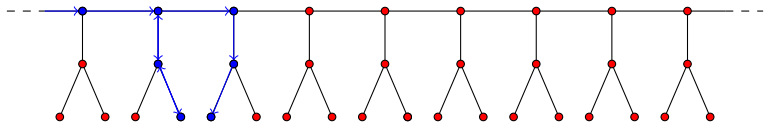
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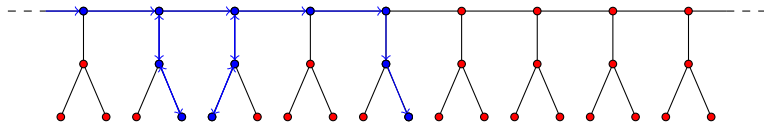
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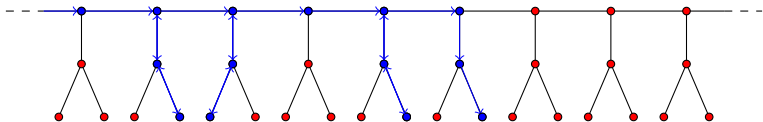
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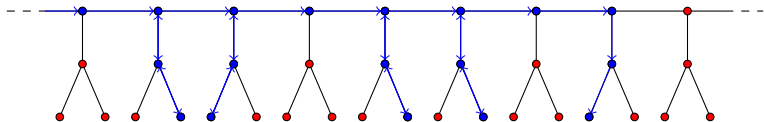
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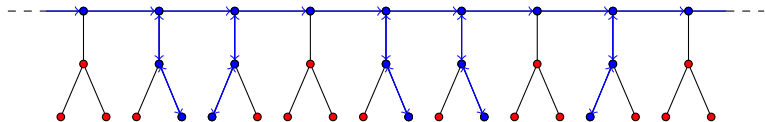
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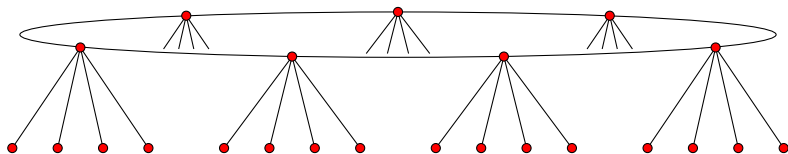
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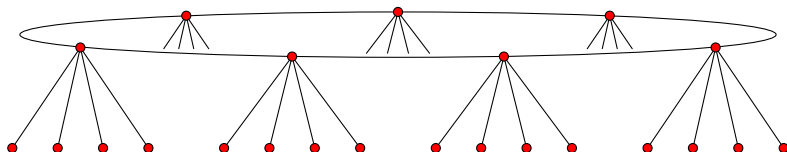
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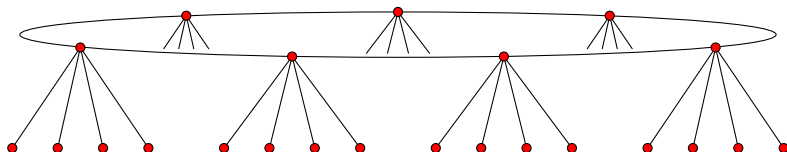
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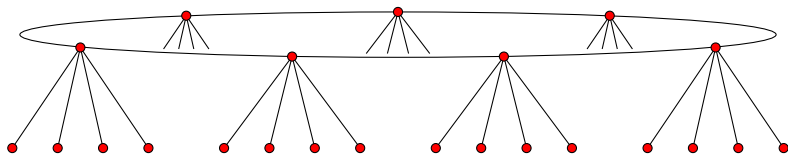
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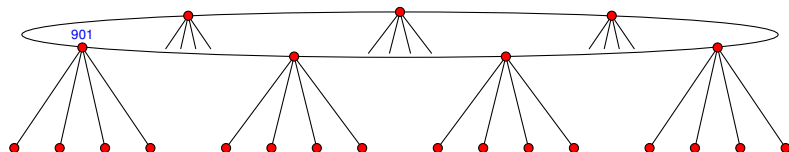
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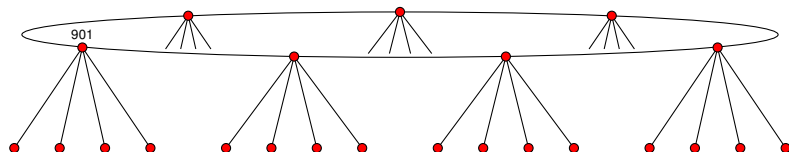
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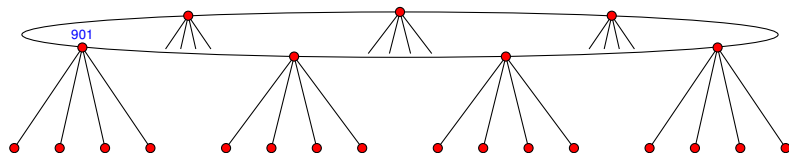
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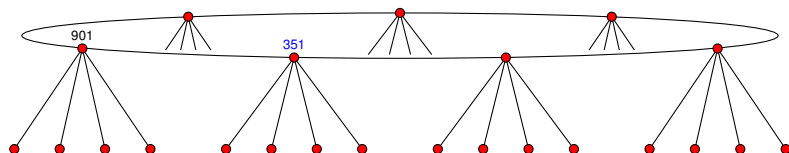
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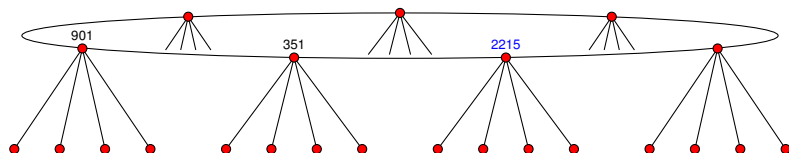
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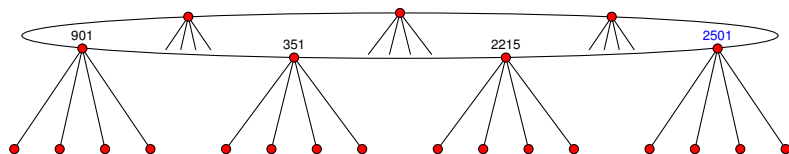
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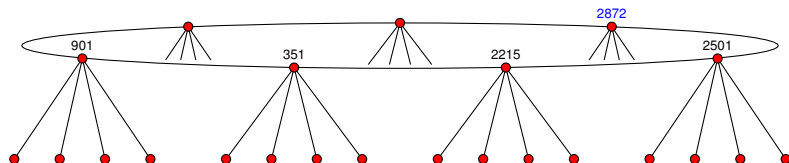
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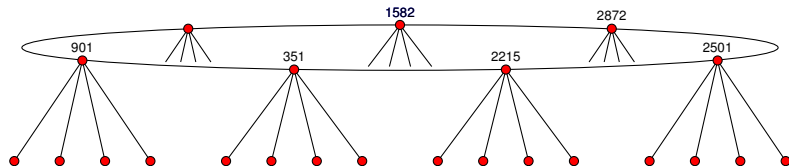
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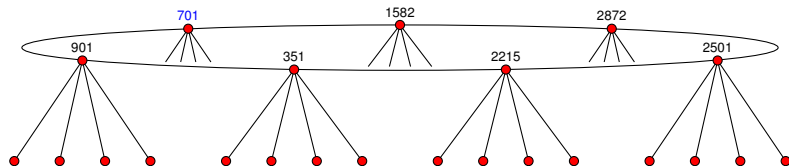
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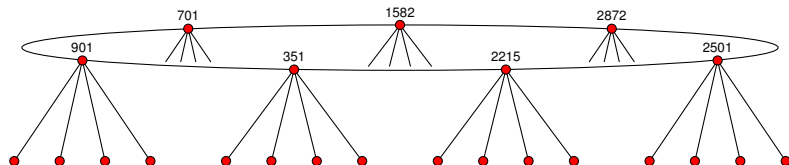
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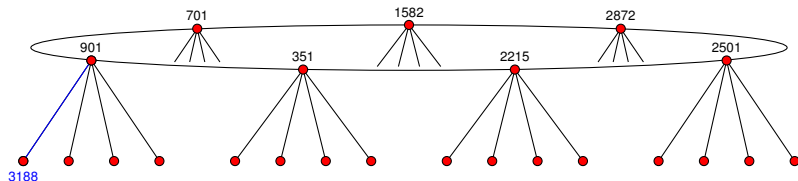
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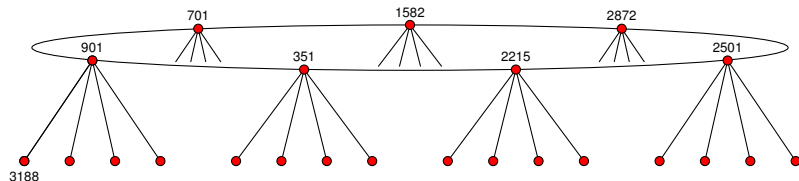
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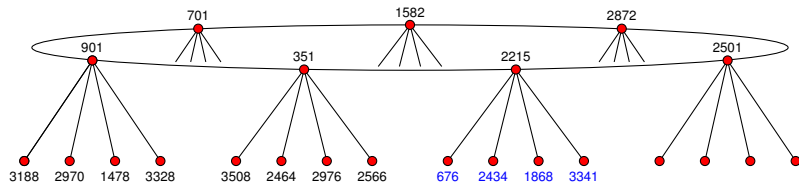
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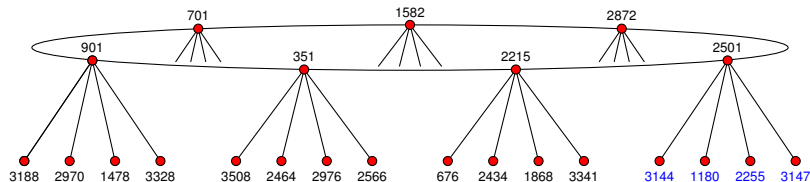
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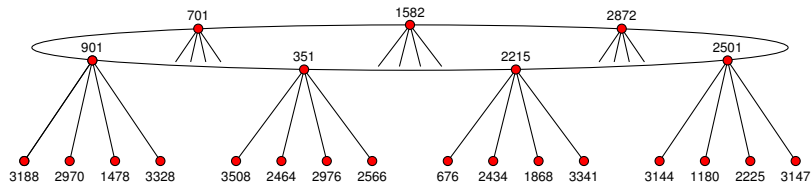
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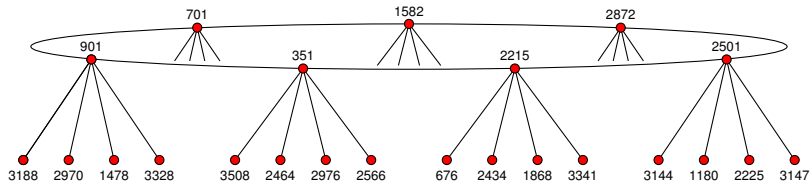
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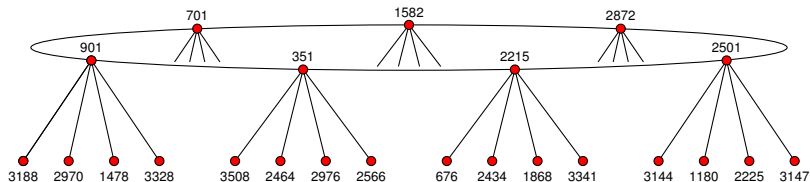
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Mapping a volcano

Example

$$\ell = 5, \quad p = 4451, \quad D = -151$$

$$t = 52, \quad v = 2, \quad h(D) = 7$$

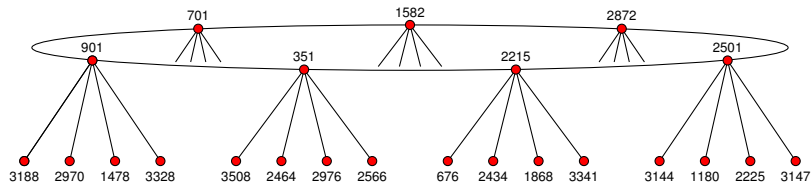
$$\ell_0 = 2, \quad \alpha_5 = \alpha_2^3, \quad \beta_{25} = \beta_2^7$$

General requirements

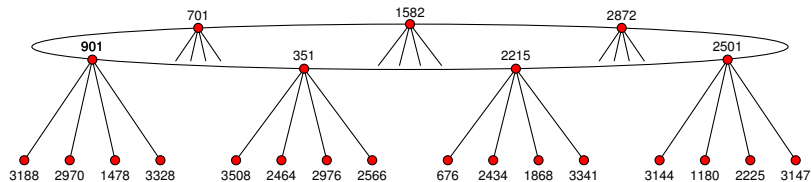
$$4p = t^2 - v^2 \ell^2 D, \quad p \equiv 1 \pmod{\ell}$$

$$\ell \nmid v, \quad \left(\frac{D}{\ell}\right) = 1, \quad h(D) \geq \ell + 2$$

$$\ell_0 \neq \ell, \quad \left(\frac{D}{\ell_0}\right) = 1, \quad \alpha_\ell = \alpha_{\ell_0}^k, \quad \beta_{\ell^2} = \beta_{\ell_0}^{k'}$$



Interpolation



$$\Phi_5(X, 901) = (X - 701)(X - 351)(X - 3188)(X - 2970)(X - 1478)(X - 3328)$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 351) = (X - 901)(X - 2215)(X - 3508)(X - 2464)(X - 2976)(X - 2566)$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 2215) = (X - 351)(X - 2501)(X - 3341)(X - 1868)(X - 2434)(X - 676)$$

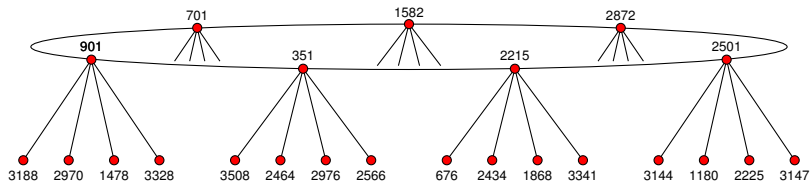
$$\Phi_5(X, 2501) = (X - 2215)(X - 2872)(X - 3147)(X - 2255)(X - 1180)(X - 3144)$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 2872) = (X - 2501)(X - 1582)(X - 1502)(X - 4228)(X - 1064)(X - 2087)$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 1582) = (X - 2872)(X - 701)(X - 945)(X - 3497)(X - 3244)(X - 291)$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 701) = (X - 1582)(X - 901)(X - 2843)(X - 4221)(X - 3345)(X - 4397)$$

Interpolation



$$\Phi_5(X, 901) = X^6 + 1337X^5 + 543X^4 + 497X^3 + 4391X^2 + 3144X + 3262$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 351) = X^6 + 3174X^5 + 1789X^4 + 3373X^3 + 3972X^2 + 2932X + 4019$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 2215) = X^6 + 2182X^5 + 512X^4 + 435X^3 + 2844X^2 + 2084X + 2709$$

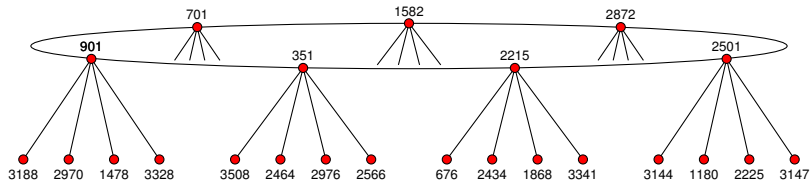
$$\Phi_5(X, 2501) = X^6 + 2991X^5 + 3075X^4 + 3918X^3 + 2241X^2 + 3755X + 1157$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 2872) = X^6 + 389X^5 + 3292X^4 + 3909X^3 + 161X^2 + 1003X + 2091$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 1582) = X^6 + 1803X^5 + 794X^4 + 3584X^3 + 225X^2 + 1530X + 1975$$

$$\Phi_5(X, 701) = X^6 + 515X^5 + 1419X^4 + 941X^3 + 4145X^2 + 2722X + 2754$$

Interpolation



$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_5(X, Y) = & X^6 + (4450Y^5 + 3720Y^4 + 2433Y^3 + 3499Y^2 + 70Y + 3927)X^5 \\ & (3720Y^5 + 3683Y^4 + 2348Y^3 + 2808Y^2 + 3745Y + 233)X^4 \\ & (2433Y^5 + 2348Y^4 + 2028Y^3 + 2025Y^2 + 4006Y + 2211)X^3 \\ & (3499Y^5 + 2808Y^4 + 2025Y^3 + 4378Y^2 + 3886Y + 2050)X^2 \\ & (70Y^5 + 3745Y^4 + 4006Y^3 + 3886Y^2 + 905Y + 2091)X \\ & (Y^6 + 3927Y^5 + 233Y^4 + 2211Y^3 + 2050Y^2 + 2091Y + 2108) \end{aligned}$$

Computing $\Phi_\ell(X, Y) \bmod p$

Choose a suitable $D = O(\ell^2)$ and $\log p = O(\log \ell)$.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Find a root of $H_D(X)$ over \mathbb{F}_p . | $O(\ell \log^{3+\epsilon} \ell)$ |
| 2. Enumerate the surface(s) using $\text{cl}(D)$ -action. | $O(\ell \log^{2+\epsilon} \ell)$ |
| 3. Descend to the floor using Vélú. | $O(\ell \log^{1+\epsilon} \ell)$ |
| 4. Enumerate the floor using $\text{cl}(\ell^2 D)$ -action. | $O(\ell^2 \log^{2+\epsilon} \ell)$ |
| 5. Build each $\Phi_\ell(X, j_i)$ from its roots. | $O(\ell^2 \log^{3+\epsilon} \ell)$ |
| 6. Interpolate $\Phi_\ell(X, Y) \bmod p$. | $O(\ell^2 \log^{3+\epsilon} \ell)$ |

Time complexity is $O(\ell^2 \log^{3+\epsilon} \ell)$.

Space complexity is $O(\ell^2 \log \ell)$.

Alternative modular polynomials

In practice, the modular polynomials Φ_ℓ are not used in SEA. There are alternatives (due to Atkin, Müller, and others) that are smaller by a large constant factor (100x to 1000x is typical).

The isogeny-volcano approach of [BLS 2010] can compute many types of (symmetric) modular polynomials derived from modular functions other than $j(z)$, but these do not include the modular polynomials commonly used with SEA.

They do include modular polynomials Φ_ℓ^f derived from the Weber function $f(z)$. These are smaller than Φ_ℓ by a factor of 1728, but they have never (?) been used with SEA before.

The Weber modular polynomials Φ_ℓ^f

The Weber f -function is related to the j -function via

$$j = \frac{(f^{24} - 16)^3}{f^{24}}$$

Provided that $\text{End}(E)$ has discriminant $D \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ with $3 \nmid D$, the polynomial $\phi_\ell^f(Y) = \Phi_\ell^f(f(E), Y)$ effectively parameterizes ℓ -isogenies from E .

This condition is easily checked (without knowing D), and if it fails, powers of f , or other modular functions may be used.

Numerical results: modular polynomial records

- ▶ $\ell = 10079$: 120 cpu-days (2.4 GHz AMD) to compute a Müller polynomial of size 16GB [Enge 2007].
- ▶ $\ell = 10079$: 1 cpu-hour (3.0 GHz AMD) to compute Φ_ℓ^f of size 3GB [BLS 2010].
- ▶ $\ell = 60013$: 13 cpu-days (3.0 GHz AMD) to compute Φ_ℓ^f of size 748GB [BLS 2010].
- ▶ $\ell = 100019$: 100 cpu-days (3.0 GHz AMD) to compute $\Phi_\ell^f \bmod (2^{86243} - 1)$ of size 1GB [S 2010].

For $\ell = 100019$, the size of Φ_ℓ^f is over 1TB and Φ_ℓ is over 1PB.

Numerical records: 501 1-digit point counting record

Points on the elliptic curve E defined by

$$y^2 = x^3 + 2718281828x + 3141592653,$$

modulo the prime $p = 16219299585 \cdot 2^{16612} - 1$ is

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Numerical results: 501 1-digit point counting record

Task	Total CPU Time
Compute ϕ_ℓ^f	32 days
Find a root \tilde{j}	995 days
Compute g_ℓ	3 days
Compute $\pi \bmod g_\ell, E$	326 days
Find λ_ℓ	22 days

$\phi_\ell^f(Y) = \Phi_\ell^f(X, j(E))$ was computed for ℓ from 5 to 11681.
Exactly 700 of 1400 were found to be Elkies primes.
Atkin primes were not used.

The largest ϕ_ℓ^f was under 20MB in size and took about two hours to compute using 1 core.