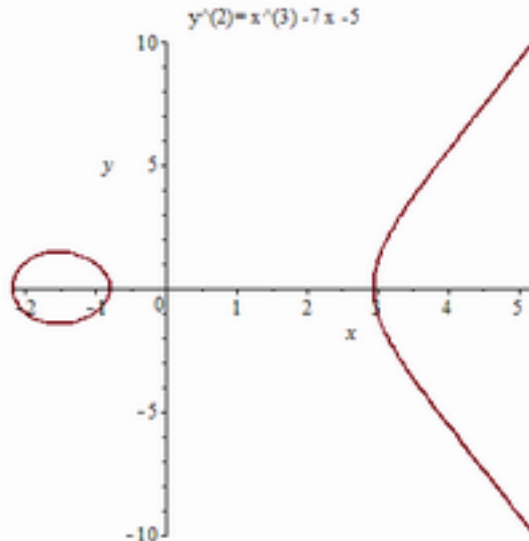


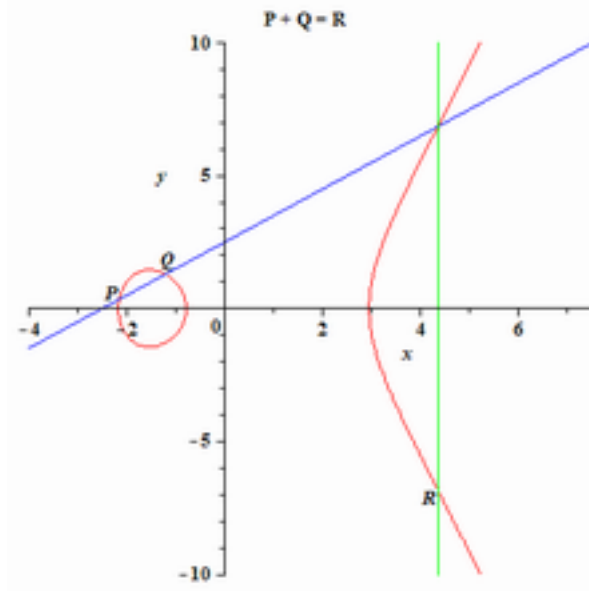
## BASIC ELLIPTIC CURVE CRYPTOGRAPHY USING THE TI-89 AND MAPLE

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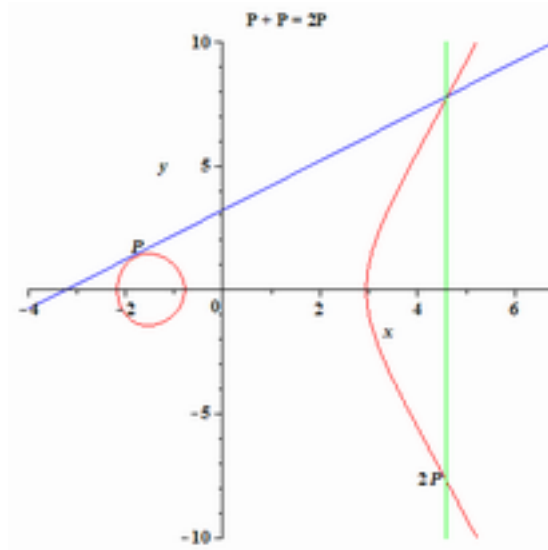
An elliptic curve is one of the form:  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  where the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  are chosen from some field  $K$ . The field may be (among others) the real numbers, the rational numbers, or a finite field  $\mathbf{GF}(q)$ , where  $q = p^n$  where  $p$  is prime and  $n$  is a positive integer. All of our work in this paper will be done with  $K = \mathbf{GF}(p) = \langle \mathbf{Z}_p, +, \times \rangle$ . The form  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  is called the Weierstrass form of an elliptic curve. We require that the cubic  $x^3 + ax + b$  does not have repeated roots in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  which is equivalent to the condition that  $4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0 \pmod{p}$ . As an example, consider the graph of:  $y^2 = x^3 - 7x - 5$  over  $\mathbf{R}$ :



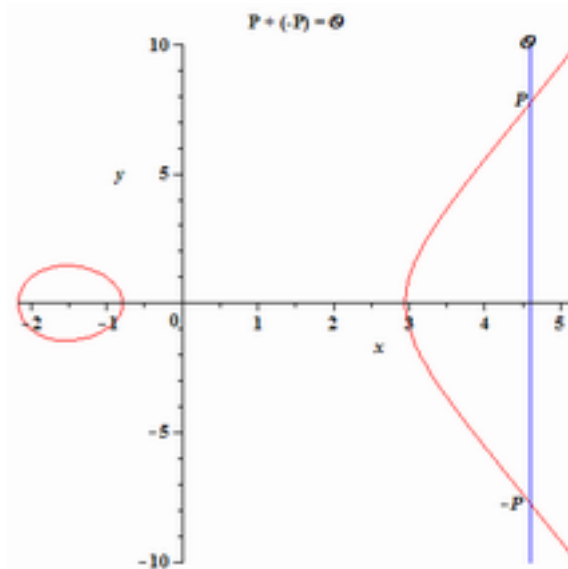
If we consider this elliptic curve over the field  $\mathbf{Z}_{13}$ , then we obtain a *finite* set of points:  $\{ (3, \pm 1), (6, 0), (7, \pm 9), (8, \pm 3), (11, \pm 1), (12, \pm 1) \}$ . If we add to this set the so-called point at infinity, denoted by  $\mathbf{O}$ , we obtain a set denoted by  $E_{13}(-7,-5)$  which contains a total of 12 points.  $E_{13}(-7,-5)$  can be made into an abelian (commutative) group. For insight into how the group operation should be defined we look at the geometry of elliptic curves over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Let  $\mathbf{E}$  denote the elliptic curve. For points  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  on  $\mathbf{E}$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , we define  $P + Q = R$  to conform with the geometry:



If  $Q = P$ , then we define  $P + P = 2P$  to conform with the geometry:



Finally, if  $Q = -P$ , where  $-P = (x_1, -y_1)$ , then we define  $P + (-P) = \mathbf{O}$ :



It is fairly easy to formulate these rules into algebraic form. See, for example [5]. To begin we define:  $P + \mathbf{O} = P$  for all  $P$ . Next, following [5], if  $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$  are points on  $\mathbf{E}$  with  $P_1, P_2 \neq \mathbf{O}$ , define  $P_1 + P_2 = P_3 = (x_3, y_3)$  by:

1. If  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , then  $x_3 = m^2 - x_1 - x_2, y_3 = m(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$ , where  $m = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$ .
2. If  $x_1 = x_2$  but  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Then  $P_1 + P_2 = \mathbf{O}$ .
3. If  $P_1 = P_2$  and  $y_1 \neq 0$  then  $x_3 = m^2 - 2x_1, y_3 = m(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$ , where  $m = (3x_1^2 + a) / (2y_1)$ .
4. If  $P_1 = P_2$  and  $y_1 = 0$  then  $P_1 + P_2 = \mathbf{O}$ .

I now present a number of TI-89 programs to do basic elliptic curve computations. All computations will be done modulo a prime  $p > 3$ :

1. `ecnopts(a,b,p)`: Computes the number of points on  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ :

```
ecnopts(a,b,p): Prgm: DelVar x, aa, bb, xtm, ct: a -> aa: b -> bb: 0 -> fla: x^3 + aa*x + bb -> f(x): 0 -> ct: For I, 0, p-1: mod(f(i), p) -> xtm: If xtm = 0 Then: 1 -> fla: End If: jacobi(xtm, p): If k = 1 Then 1 + ct -> ct: EndIf: End For: If fla = 0 Then 2*ct -> ct: Else: 2*ct - 1 -> ct: EndIf: Disp "Total Points:": Disp ct: Disp "Does Not Include O": Disp "The Point At Infinity": EndPrgm
```

2. `jacobi(a,b)` returns 1 if  $a$  is a quadratic residue mod  $b$  and -1 if  $a$  is not:

```
jacobi(a,b): Prgm: mod(a, b) -> a: If a = 0 Then: 1 -> k: Goto stpe: EndIf: 0 -> ta[1]: 1 -> ta[2]: 0 -> ta[3]: -1 -> ta[4]: 0 -> ta[5]: -1 -> ta[6]: 0 -> ta[7]: 1 -> ta[8]: 1 -> k: Lbl stp3: 0 -> v: While mod(a,2) = 0: 1 + v -> v: a/2 -> a: EndWhile: If mod(v,2) = 1 Then ta[mod(b,8) + 1]*k -> k: EndIf: If mod(a,4) ≠ 1 and mod(b,4) ≠ 1 Then: -1*k -> k: EndIf: abs(a) -> r: mod(b, r) -> a: r -> b: If a = 0 Then: Goto stpe: EndIf: Goto stp3: Lbl stpe: Disp k: EndPrgm
```

3. `ecptsnew(a,b,p)` produces a complete list of points on  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ :

```
ecptsnew(a,b,p): Prgm: ClrIO: DelVar x, ff, ep, cut, fla, kk, nnn: Disp "Number of points? ": Request "Enter p - 1 for All", nn: expr(nnn) -> nnn: a -> aa: b -> bb: randMat(nnn,2) -> ep: x^3 + aa*x + bb -> ff(x): 1 -> j: 0 -> jj: 0 -> cnt: 0 -> fla: While j < nnn + 1 and jj < p: mod(ff(jj),p) -> xtm: If xtm = 0 Then: 1 -> fla: EndIf: jacobi(xtm, p): jj + 1 -> jj: If k = 1 Then: sqrtmdpm(xtm, p): jj - 1 -> ep[j,1]: "±" & string(rot[1]) -> ep[j,2]: Disp "A Point Is:": Disp "(" & string(ep[j,1]) & ", " & ep[j,2] & ")" : j+1 -> j: cnt + 1 -> cnt: Pause: EndIf: EndWhile: cnt -> ct: If fla = 0 Then: 2*cnt -> cnt: Else: 2*cnt - 1 -> cnt: EndIf: randMat(2, ct) -> ecp: For I, 1, ct: ep[i,1] -> ecp[1, i] : ep[i,2] -> ecp[2,i]: EndFor: 0 -> anw: Disp "Matrix Without ±?": Disp "Enter 1 if Yes, 0 if No": Input anw: If anw = 0 Then: Goto stpf: EndIf: 1 -> I: 1 -> j: randMat(2, cnt) -> ecpm: While i ≤ cnt: ecp[1,j] -> ecpm[1,i]: abs(expr(ecp[2,j]) -> ecpm[2,i]: If ecpm[2,i] = 0 Then: Goto stpe: EndIf: i + 1 -> i : ecp[1,j] -> ecpm[1,i]: p - abs(expr(ecp[2,j])) -> ecpm[2,i]: Lbl stpe: : i + 1 -> i : j + 1 -> j: EndWhile: Lbl stpf: ep^T -> ep: Disp "Points Are In Variable ecp": Disp "And ecpt (if requested)": Disp "Total Points:" Disp cnt: If
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$n \geq p - 1$  Then: Disp “Does Not Include O” : Disp “The Point At Infinity.” : EndPrgm  
A listing for the TI-89 program sqrtmdpm() can be found in [3].

4. ecsump(r,s,a,b,p): Finds the sum of points r and s on  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  where  $r = [x_1, y_1]$  and  $s = [x_2, y_2]$ :

```
ecsump(r,s,a,b,p): Prgm: DelVar xone, yone, xtwo, ytwo: r[1,1] -> xone: r[1,2] ->
yone: s[1,1] -> xtwo: s[1,2] -> ytwo: If [xone, yone] = [∞,∞] Then: [mod(xtwo,p),
mod(ytwo,p)] -> sm: Goto stpe: EndIf: If [xtwo, ytwo] = [∞,∞] Then: [mod(xone,p),
mod(yone,p)] -> sm: Goto stpe: EndIf: mod(xone,p) -> xone: mod(yone,p) -> yone:
mod(xtwo,p) -> xtwo: mod(ytwo,p) -> ytwo: mod(a,p) -> a: mod(b,p) -> b: If xone =
xtwo and (yone = p-ytwo or ytwo = p-yone) Then: [∞,∞] -> sm: Goto stpe: EndIf: If
xone ≠ xtwo Then: mod((ytwo-yone)*modinv(mod(xtwo-xone,p),p),p) -> λ : mod(λ^2-
xone-xtwo,p) -> xthree: mod((xone-xthree)*λ -yone,p) -> ythree: [xthree,ythree]
-> sm: Goto stpe: EndIf: If xone = xtwo and yone ≠ 0 Then: mod((3*xone^2+a)
*modinv(2*yone,p),p) -> λ: mod(λ^2-xone-xtwo,p) -> xthree: mod((xone-xthree)*λ-
yone,p) -> ythree: [xthree,ythree] -> sm: Goto stpe: EndIf: If xone = xtwo and ytwo
≠ 0 Then: mod((3*xtwo^2+a)*modinv(2*ytwo,p),p) -> λ : mod(λ^2-xone-xtwo,p) -
> xthree: mod((xone-xthree)*λ-ytwo,p) -> ythree: [xthree,ythree] -> sm: Goto stpe:
EndIf: If xone = xtwo and yone = ytwo and yone = 0 Then: : [∞,∞] -> sm: Goto stpe:
EndIf: Lbl stpe: Disp sm: EndPrgm
```

A listing for the TI-89 program modinv() can be found in [4].

5. mdexpec(ba,e,n,a,b). Here  $ba = [x_1, y_1]$ . This program finds the value of  $e \cdot ba = e \cdot [x_1, y_1]$  modulo  $n$  on  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{n}$  using a form of modular exponentiation:

```
mdexpec(ba, e, n, a, b): Prgm: [∞,∞] -> z: ba -> m: While e ≠ 0: diva(e,2) -> d: If d[1,2]
= 1 then ecsump(z,m,a,b,n): sm -> z: EndIf: d[1,1] -> e: ecsump(m,m,a,b,n): sm -> m:
EndWhile: Disp z: EndPrgm
```

A listing for the TI-89 function diva can be found in [4].

6. eclog(ba,s,a,b,p): Finds  $\log_{ba}(s)$  via direct search, where  $\log_{ba}(s)$  is the smallest “exponent”  $lg$  having  $lg \cdot ba \equiv s \pmod{p}$  on the curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ :

```
eclog(ba,s,a,b,p): Prgm: DelVar lg, tm: 1 -> lg: If ba = [∞,∞] Then: If s = [∞,∞] Then:
Goto stpe: Else: Disp “Log Does Not Exist”: Goto stpf: EndIf: : EndIf: If ba = s Then:
Goto stpe: EndIf: ba -> tm: While lg ≤ p+1+2*ceiling(√(p)): ecsump(ba,tm,a,b,p): lg
+ 1 -> lg: sm -> tm: If tm = s Then: Goto stpe: EndIf: EndWhile: Lbl stpe: Disp “Log
Is:” : Disp lg: Lbl stpf: EndPrgm
```

7. ecorder(c,a,b,n,pr): Finds the order of  $c = [x_1, y_1]$  in  $E_{pr}(a,b)$  where  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  and  $pr > 3$  is a prime. The number of points in  $E_{pr}(a,b)$  must be known to be  $n$ :

```
ecorder(c,a,b,n,pr): Prgm: factors(n): n -> t: For i,1,j: t/p[i]^e[i] -> t:
mdexpec(c,t,pr,a,b): z -> a1: While a1 ≠ [∞,∞]: mdexpec(a1,p[i],pr,a,b): z -> a1: t*p[i] -
> t: EndWhile: EndFor: Disp “Order Is:” : Disp t: EndPrgm
```

A listing of the TI-89 program factors() can be found in [2].

8.  $ecnoptsh(a,b,p)$ : computes the number of points in  $E_p(a,b)$  using the Hasse bounds (see [5]):  $p + 1 - 2\sqrt{p} \leq \#(E_p(a,b)) \leq p + 1 + 2\sqrt{p}$  :

```
ecnoptsh(a,b,p): Prgm: DelVar tmp, ba, gcn, ysq, gc, pr2, ho, hi, rr, orde: int(2*sqrt(p))
)-> pr2: p+1-pr2 -> ho: ho -> hok: p+1+pr2 -> hi: 1 -> gc: 0 -> trls: Lbl stp1: If trls >=
5 then ecnopts(a,b,p) : Stop: EndIf: rand(p-1) -> r: r -> rr: mod(r^3+a*r+b,p) -> ysq:
jacobi(ysq,p): If k = -1 Then: Goto stp1: EndIf: sqrtmdpm(ysq,p) rot[1] -> tm: [rr,tm] ->
ba: eclog(ba, [∞,∞], a,b,p): lcm(lg,gc) -> gcn: gcn -> gc: int(hi/gcn) -> hig: int(hok/gcn)
-> hog: hig - hog -> tmp: If tmp = 1 Then: If gcn = hok or gcn = hi Then: gcn -> orde:
Goto stpe: ElseIf gcn > hok and gcn < hi Then: gcn -> orde: Goto stpe: ElseIf hig*gcn >
hi Then: hog*gcn -> orde: Goto stpe: Else: hig*gcn -> orde: Goto stpe: EndIf: Else: 1 +
trls -> trls: Goto stp1: EndIf: Lbl stpe: Disp "Order Is:" : Disp orde: EndPrgm
```

If we prefer to use Maple© we can code each of these (with the exception of  $jacobi$  since Maple already has a built-in  $jacobi$  function) as Maple 16 procedures:

```
ecnopts := proc(a, b, p)
  local f, fla, ct, i, xtm; with(numtheory) :
  fla := 0 : f := x -> x^3 + a*x + b : ct := 0 :
  for i from 0 to p - 1 do
    xtm := modp(f(i), p) :
    if xtm = 0 then fla := 1 : fi;
    if legendre(xtm, p) = 1 then ct := ct + 1 : fi;
  end do;
  if fla = 0 then ct := 2*ct + 1 : else ct := 2*ct + 2 : fi;
  print (Total Points); return ct; end proc;

ecpoints := proc(a, b, p, n)
  local f, fla, ct, j, jj, xtm, i, csqr, pointslst;
  with(numtheory) :
  fla := 0 : j := 1 : jj := 0 : ct := 0 :
  f := x -> x^3 + a*x + b :
  pointslst := [ ] :
  for i from 0 to n do
    xtm := modp(f(i), p) :
    if xtm = 0 then fla := 1 : pointslst := [op(pointslst), [i, 0]] : ct
    := ct + 1 : fi;
    csqr := msqrt(xtm, p) :
    if csqr ≠ FAIL and xtm ≠ 0 then pointslst := [op(pointslst),
    [i, csqr]] : pointslst := [op(pointslst), [i, p - csqr]] : ct := ct
    + 2 : fi;
  end do;
  ct := ct + 1 :
  print (Total Points);
  return pointslst, ct;
end proc;
```

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ecsump := proc(r, s, a, b, p)
  local xone, xtwo, xthree, yone, ytwo, ythree, inf, λ, A, B, tmp;
  global sm; with(numtheory) : xone := r[1] : yone := r[2] : xtwo
    := s[1] : ytwo := s[2] : inf := [∞, ∞];
  if [xone, yone] = inf then sm := [xtwo, ytwo] : goto(12) : fi;
  if [xtwo, ytwo] = inf then sm := [xone, yone] : goto(12) : fi;
  xone := modp(r[1], p) : yone := modp(r[2], p) : xtwo
    := modp(s[1], p) : ytwo := modp(s[2], p) : A := modp(a, p) : B
    := modp(b, 2) :
  if xone = xtwo and ( yone = p - ytwo or ytwo = p - yone) then sm
    := inf : goto(12) : fi;
  if xone ≠ xtwo then tmp := (xtwo - xone)-1 mod p : λ
    := modp((ytwo - yone) · tmp, p) : xthree := modp(λ2 - xone
    - xtwo, p) :
  ythree := modp((xone - xthree) · λ - yone, p) : sm := [xthree,
  ythree] : goto(12) : fi;
  if xone = xtwo and yone ≠ 0 then tmp := (2 · yone)-1 mod p : λ
    := modp((3 · xone2 + a) · tmp, p) : xthree := modp(λ2 - xone
    - xtwo, p) :
  ythree := modp((xone - xthree) · λ - yone, p) : sm := [xthree,
  ythree] : goto(12) : fi;
  if xone = xtwo and ytwo ≠ 0 then tmp := (2 · ytwo)-1 mod p : λ
    := modp((3 · xtwo2 + a) · tmp, p) : xthree := modp(λ2 - xone
    - xtwo, p) :
  ythree := modp((xone - xthree) · λ - ytwo, p) : sm := [xthree,
  ythree] : goto(12) : fi;
  if xone = xtwo and yone = ytwo and yone = 0 then sm := inf : goto(12) :
  fi;
12 : return (sm); end proc;

```

```

mdexpec := proc(ba, e, a, b, n)
  local d, m, ee;
  global z;
  z := [∞, ∞] : m := ba; ee := e :
  d := [0, 0] : Array(d);
  while ee ≠ 0 do
    d := [floor( $\frac{ee}{2}$ ), ee - 2 · floor( $\frac{ee}{2}$ )] :
    if d[2] = 1 then ecsump(z, m, a, b, n) : z := sm; print('z='`z) : fi;
    ee := d[1] :
    ecsump(m, m, a, b, n) :
    m := sm;
  end do;
  return(z)
end proc;

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ecorder := proc(c, a, b, n, pr)
  local t, aone, nm, F, i;
  t := n : F := ifactors(n); nm := nops(F[2]) :
  for i from 1 to nm do
    t :=  $\frac{t}{(F[2, i][1]^{F[2, i][2]})}$ ;
  mdexpec(c, t, a, b, pr); aone := z;
  while aone  $\neq$  [ $\infty, \infty$ ] do
    mdexpec(aone, F[2, i][1], a, b, pr); aone := z; t := t·F[2, i][1];
  end do;
end do;
return( `order is `, t); end proc;

eclog := proc(ba, s, a, b, p)
  local tm, limi; global lg; lg := 1 :
  if ba = [ $\infty, \infty$ ] then goto(12) : fi;
  tm := ba; limi := p + 2·ceil(sqrt(p)) :
  while lg  $\leq$  limi do
    ecsump(ba, tm, a, b, p); lg := lg + 1; tm := sm;
    if tm = s then goto(12) : fi;
  end do;
  return (FAIL);
12 : return ( `log is `, lg); end proc;

ecnoptsh := proc(a, b, p)
  local ho, hi, trls, gc, gcn, orde, ba, logar, tmp, pr2, ysq, r, l, hig, hog,
  tm; global lg;
  pr2 := floor(2·sqrt(p)); ho := p + 1 - pr2; hi := p + 1 + pr2; gc
  := 1; trls := 0;
12 : if trls  $\geq$  5 then ecnopts(a, b, p) : goto(14) : fi;
  r := modp(rand( ), p); ysq := modp( $r^3 + a \cdot r + b$ , p);
  with(numtheory) : l := legendre(ysq, p);
  if l = -1 or l = 0 then goto(12) : fi; tm := msqrt(ysq, p); ba := [r,
  tm]; eclog(ba, [ $\infty, \infty$ ], a, b, p); gcn := lcm(lg, gc); gc := gcn;
  hig := floor( $\frac{hi}{gcn}$ ); hog := floor( $\frac{ho}{gcn}$ ); tmp := floor( $\frac{hi}{gcn}$ )
  - floor( $\frac{ho}{gcn}$ );
  if tmp = 1 then
    if gcn = ho or gcn = hi then
      orde := gcn; goto(15);
    elif gcn > ho and gcn < hi then
      orde := gcn; goto(15);
    elif hig·gcn > hi then
      orde := hog·gcn; goto(15);
    else orde := hig·gcn;
  fi;
else
  trls := trls + 1; goto(12);
fi;
15 : return( `Number of Points Is: `, orde); 14 : end proc;

```



We now describe a basic form of elliptic curve encryption based on the ElGammal cryptosystem [5]. For this, we follow the discussion in [1]. We begin with a plaintext message  $M$  encoded as the  $x$ -coordinate of the point  $P_M$  which lies on the curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$ . We choose a point  $G$  on the curve whose order  $n$  in  $E_p(a,b)$  is a large prime number. Both  $E_p(a,b)$  and  $G$  are made public. Each user (Alice and Bob) selects a private key  $n_A$  and  $n_B$  and forms the public keys  $P_A = n_A G$  and  $P_B = n_B G$ . If Alice (A) encrypts  $P_M$  to send to Bob (B), she chooses a random positive integer  $k < n$  and sends Bob the ciphertext *pair* of points:

$P_C = \{ kG, (P_M + kP_B) \}$ . Upon receiving the ciphertext message  $P_C$ , Bob recovers the original plaintext  $P_M$  via the computation:

$$(P_M + kP_B) - [n_B(kG)] = (P_M + kn_B G) - [n_B(kG)] = P_M.$$

Note that a cryptanalyst would know  $G$  and also  $kG$  (which appears in  $P_C$ ), so if he could find  $k$  from this information, he could decode  $P_M + kP_B$  (because he also knows  $P_B$ ) as follows:  $(P_M + kP_B) - kP_B = P_M$ . Finding  $k$  from  $G$  and  $kG$  is the elliptic curve discrete logarithm problem:  $\log_G(kG) = k$  which is considered to be a computationally intractable problem for large values of  $k$  and a “generator” point  $G$  with large order  $n$ . The encoding and decoding schemes are implemented on the TI-89 as:

```
ecencryp(pm,pb,ge,k,a,b,p): Prgm: mdexpec(ge,k,p,a,b): z -> kg: mdexpec(pb,k,p,a,b):
z -> kpb: ecsump(pm, kpb, a,b,p): sm -> pmkpb: Disp "Encrypted P Is:" : Disp "kg = ":
Disp kg: Disp "pmkpb =": Disp pmkpb: EndPrgm
```

```
ecdecryp(kg, pmkpb, nb, a, b, p): Prgm: mdexpec(kg, nb, p, a, b): z -> nbkg: mod(-
1*nbkg[1,2],p) -> nbkg[1,2]: ecsump(pmkpb, nbkg, a, b, p): sm -> pm: Disp "Plaintext
Point Is:" : Disp pm: EndPrgm
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### Example 1 (TI-89).

We use  $p = 653$  and  $y^2 = x^3 - 7x + 145$ . We'll encode the letters A—Z by the scheme: A = 1, B = 2, ..., Y = 25, Z = 0. For Alice to encode the message “BFF” to send to Bob, we see that BFF corresponds to ciphers 266. To check that 266 is the  $x$ -coordinate of a point on the elliptic curve, define  $f(x) = x^3 - 7x + 145$ , so that  $f(266) = 18819379 \equiv 572 \pmod{653}$ . So  $y^2 \equiv 572 \pmod{653}$  and  $\text{sqrtmdpm}(572, 653)$  gives 35 as a square root of 572 modulo 653. Note that if 572 were not a quadratic residue modulo 653 we might do a simple shift of the encoding of the letters, such as (for example) A = 2, B = 3 ..., Y = 0, Z = 1, or see the method first proposed by Koblitz on page 174 of [5]. We will use (266, 35) as our message point:  $P_M = (266, 35)$ . To find the order of  $E_{653}(-7, 145)$  we run  $\text{ecnopts}(-7, 145, 653)$  to obtain 650 total points (including  $\mathbf{O}$ , the point at infinity). For a generator point we may choose a random value of  $x$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 652$ . For example, if  $x = 0$  then  $f(0) = 145$  and  $\text{sqrtmdpm}(145, 653)$  gives 168. Running  $\text{ecorder}([0, 168], -7, 145, 650, 653)$  yields an order of 650 for this point. Although 650 is not a prime, using the “generator” point  $G = [0, 168]$  will serve our purpose for this small example. If Bob's secret key is  $n_B = 97$ , then his public key is  $P_B = n_B G$ , so that:  $P_B = 97 \cdot [0, 168]$ . For this computation we employ:  $\text{mdexpec}([0, 168], 97, 653, -7, 145)$  to obtain  $P_B = [349, 254]$ . If Alice's random number  $k$  (which she selects) is  $k = 243$ , then the encrypted message which Alice sends to Bob can be obtained by:



ecencryp([266,35], [349,254], [0,168], 243, -7, 145, 653) to produce the ciphertext pair:  $kg = [268,62]$  and  $pmkpb = [101,258]$ , or  $P_C = [ [268,62], [101,258] ]$ . Now Bob may decrypt  $P_C$  by using `ecdecryp(kg, pmkpb, nb, a, b, p)` which in our example is: `ecdecryp([268,62], [101,258], 97, -7, 145, 653)`. This outputs the plaintext point  $P_M$  as  $[266, 35]$ . So the message is in the x-coordinate, which is 266 which we map back into "BFF".

Using Maple 17, encryption and decryption procedures are given by:

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ecencryp := proc(pm, pb, ge, k, a, b, p)
  local kg, kpb, pmkpb, pe;
  mdexpec(ge, k, a, b, p); kg := z; mdexpec(pb, k, a, b, p);
  kpb := z;
  ecsump(pm, kpb, a, b, p); pmkpb := sm; pe := [kg, pmkpb];
  return('Encrypted Point Is: ', pe); end proc;
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ecdecryp := proc(kgpmkpb, nb, a, b, p)
  local pm, nbkg;
  mdexpec(kgpmkpb[1], nb, a, b, p); nbkg := z;
  nbkg[2] := modp(-1·nbkg[2], p);
  ecsump(kgpmkpb[2], nbkg, a, b, p); pm := sm;
  return('Plaintext Point Is: ', pm); end proc;
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### Example 2 (Maple 16)

We use the prime  $p = 9883$  and  $y^2 = x^3 + 765x + 871$ . We encode the letters A – Z by the shift scheme: E = 1, F = 2, G = 3, ... C = 0, D = 1. The message which Alice will send to Bob is "LIKE" which corresponds to plaintext ciphers as 8571. To check that 8571 is the x-coordinate of a point on the elliptic curve we define:  $f := x^3 + 765x + 871$ . Then `modp(f(8571), 9883)` gives 5791. Then `msqrt(5791, 9883)` produces the y-coordinate which is 3277, so our message point  $P_M$  is  $[8571, 3277]$ . To find the order of the group  $E_{9883}(765, 871)$ , we run `ecnpts(765, 871, 9883)` which gives 9827. For a "generator" G we choose a random  $x$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 9883$ . For example, if  $x = 7$  then `modp(f(7), 9833)` gives 6569 and then `msqrt(6569, 9883)` yields the y-coordinate which is 2813. Our prospective G is  $[7, 2813]$ . Next we find the order of G in the group  $E_{9883}(765, 871)$  by running `ecorder([7, 2813], 765, 871, 9827, 9883)` which produces "order is 9827". As an alternative to find the order we may run `eclog([7, 2813], [∞,∞], 765, 871, 9883)` which produces "log is 9827". This alternate method does not require knowledge of the order of  $E_{9883}(765, 871)$  but may run longer than `ecorder`. If Bob's secret key is  $n_B = 873$ , then his public key is  $P_B = n_B G$ , so that:  $P_B = 873 \cdot [7, 2813]$ . For this computation we use: `mdexpec([7, 2813], 873, 9883, 765, 871)` to obtain  $P_B = [7516, 1555]$  which is Bob's public key. If Alice's random number  $k$  (which she selects) if  $k = 2477$ , then the encrypted message which Alice sends to Bob can be obtained by: `ecencrypt([8471, 3277], [7516, 1555], [7, 2813], 2477, 765, 871, 9883)`. This produces the ciphertext pair:  $P_C = [ [4225, 3276], [27, 203] ]$ . Now Bob may decrypt  $P_C$  by using `ecdecryp(kg, pmkpb, nb, a, b, p)` which in our example is:

ecdecryp([4225, 3276], [27, 203], 873, 765, 871, 9883). This outputs the plaintext point  $P_M$  as [8571, 3277]. So the message is in the x-coordinate, which is 8571 which we map back into "LIKE".

It should be clear that the programs presented here are intended for demonstration purposes and only as a learning tool. For real applications the prime should be 100 or more digits. Our TI-89 programs can handle (without excessive waits) 3 or 4 digit primes and the Maple procedures can handle up to 5 or 6 digit primes only. Clearly we need better algorithms to deal with more realistic applications of elliptic curve cryptography. However this basic introduction should give you a reasonably good idea of how it works.

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