

Formulae of the order of Jacobians for certain hyperelliptic curves *

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Abstract

This article is the summary of our work on the order of some hyperelliptic Jacobian groups. Computing the order of the Jacobian group of a hyperelliptic curve over a finite field is very important to construct a hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem (HCC), because to construct secure HCC, we need Jacobian groups of order in the form $l \cdot c$ where l is a prime greater than about 2^{160} and c is a very small integer. But even in the case of genus two, known algorithms to compute the order of a Jacobian group for a general curve need a very long running time over a large prime field. In the case of genus three, only a few examples of suitable curves for HCC are known. In the case of genus four, we do not know any example over a large prime field. In this note, we give explicit formulae of the order of Jacobian groups for certain hyperelliptic curves of genus three and four, which allows us to search suitable curves for HCC of genus greater than two. By using these formulae, we can find many suitable curves for HCC of genus four. In this article, we have contained the results for the case genus greater than two, which are obtained after the conference.

1 Introduction

Let C be a hyperelliptic curve of genus g over $\mathbb{F}_q$, J_C the Jacobian variety of C and $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$ the Jacobian group of C which is the set of $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational points of J_C . Then $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is a finite abelian group and we can construct a public-key-cryptosystem with it. It is said

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that $|J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)| = c \cdot l$ where l is a prime greater than about 2^{160} and c is a very small integer is suitable for HCC. We call a hyperelliptic curve “suitable for HCC” if its Jacobian group has such a suitable order. The advantage of this system to an elliptic curve cryptosystem (ECC) is that we can construct a cryptosystem at the same security level as an elliptic one by using a smaller defining field. More precisely, we need a 160-bit field to construct a secure ECC, but for a hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem (HCC) of genus $g(\geq 2)$, we only need about $(160/g)$ -bit field. This comes from the fact that the order of the Jacobian group of a hyperelliptic curve defined over an N -bit field is about (Ng) -bit. We should remark that due to Gaudry [9], it is recommended that the genus should be taken less than five to construct a secure HCC.

As in the case of ECC, to get a fast algorithm for adding points on the Jacobian group and to get a fast algorithm for computing the order of the Jacobian group are very important to construct HCC.

For the first problem, we already have many good results. See [12][16][17] for genus two, [15] for genus three and [21] for genus four.

For the second problem, there are only a few results even for the genus two case. Here we review known results for genus two, three and four. In the case of genus two, there is a point counting algorithm for any randomly given curve [10] [18], but it needs a very long time over 80-bit prime fields, e.g. a week or longer for each curve. And this algorithm has not been generalized to the case of genus three or four.

For a hyperelliptic curve with complex multiplication, there is a known algorithm to construct a curve with its Jacobian group having a 160-bit prime factor. But this algorithm is efficient only for genus two at this moment. For genus three, only a few examples are constructed by this method [25]. For genus four, we do not know any example.

For special curves, it is possible to obtain a fast point counting algorithm. Buhler-Koblitz [2] obtained such algorithm for a special curve of type $y^2 + y = x^n$ over a prime field $\mathbb{F}_p$ where n is an odd prime such that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. It produces suitable curves of genus two and three, but cannot produce suitable curves of genus four.

At SCIS2003 and SAC2003, we proposed a point counting algorithm for another special curve defined by $y^2 = x^5 + ax$ and found many examples of suitable curves for HCC of genus two[7]. In this article, we give explicit formulae giving the order of Jacobian groups of curves defined by $y^2 = x^5 + ax$, $y^2 = x^7 + ax$ and $y^2 = x^9 + ax$. Note that the second curve is of genus three and the last one is of genus four. We show that a family of hyperelliptic curves defined by $y^2 = x^7 + ax$, $a \in \mathbb{F}_p$, cannot produce suitable curves for any a and p , but a family of hyperelliptic curves defined by $y^2 = x^9 + ax$ produces suitable curves when $p \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$. In particular, we show some examples of hyperelliptic curves suitable for HCC of genus four obtained by using our formulae. As far as we know, these are the first examples of suitable curves for HCC of genus four over prime fields.

2 The characteristic polynomial and the order of the Jacobian group

Let p be an odd prime, $\mathbb{F}_q$ a finite field of order $q = p^r$ and C a hyperelliptic curve of genus g defined over $\mathbb{F}_q$. Then the defining equation of C is given as $y^2 = f(x)$ where $f(x)$ is a polynomial in $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$ of degree $2g + 1$.

Let J_C be the Jacobian variety of a hyperelliptic curve C . We denote the group of $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational points on J_C by $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and call it the Jacobian group of C . Let $\chi_q(t)$ be the characteristic polynomial of q -th power Frobenius endomorphism of C . We call $\chi_q(t)$ for C the characteristic polynomial of C and denote it by $\chi(t)$ for the convenience. Then, it is well-known that the order $|J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)|$ is given by

$$|J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)| = \chi_q(1).$$

Due to Mumford [19], every point on $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$ can be represented by a pair $\langle u(x), v(x) \rangle$ where $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are polynomials in $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$ with $\deg v(x) < \deg u(x) \leq g$ such that $u(x)$ divides $f(x) - v(x)^2$. The identity element of the addition law is represented by $\langle 1, 0 \rangle$. By using this representation of points on $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$, we obtain an algorithm for adding two points on $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$. This algorithm was firstly given by Cantor [3] in general and has been improved for genus 2, 3 and 4 by many people [10][12][16][17][21].

In the following, for a generator g of $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$, we denote $\text{Ind}_g a = k$ when $a = g^k$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$.

3 Jacobstahl sum and the key theorem

For two characters χ, ψ of $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\times$, the Jacobi sum $J_r(\chi, \psi)$ is defined by

$$J_r(\chi, \psi) = \sum_{t \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}} \chi(t) \psi(1-t).$$

For the convenience we use the following notation.

$$K_r(\chi) = \chi(4) J_r(\chi, \chi).$$

When $r = 1$, we drop the subscript J_r and K_r . For properties of Jacobi sums, see [1].

Let k be a positive integer and p a prime such that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{2k}$. Let χ_2 be a character of order 2 on a finite field $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$. For an element a in $\mathbb{F}_p$,

$$\phi_{k,r}(a) := \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}} \chi_2(x^{k+1} + ax)$$

is called a "Jacobstahl sum". It is easy to see that for a hyperelliptic curve defined by an equation $y^2 = x^{k+1} + ax$ over $\mathbb{F}_p$,

$$|C(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})| = p^r + 1 + \phi_{k,r}(a)$$

where $|C(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})|$ denotes the number of rational points of C over $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$.

Under the above notation, we have the following theorem. This is the key theorem in our results.

Theorem 3.1. Let p be a prime such that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{2k}$ for some positive integer k . For $a \in \mathbb{F}_p$,

$$\phi_{k,r}(a) = (-1)^{r-1} \hat{\chi}(-1) \hat{\chi}^{k+1}(a) \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \hat{\chi}^{2j}(a) K(\chi^{2j+1})^r$$

where χ is a character of $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$ of order $2k$ and $\hat{\chi}$ is a character of $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}^\times$ of order $2k$.

Proof. We proceed as in the proof of Theorem 6.1.14 [1]. Since $\hat{\chi}^k = \chi_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{k,r}(a) &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}} \hat{\chi}^k(x) \hat{\chi}^k(x^k + a) \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}} \hat{\chi}(x^k) \hat{\chi}^k(x^k + a). \end{aligned}$$

By the equality

$$\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \hat{\chi}^{2j}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \hat{\chi}^2(x) \neq 1 \\ k & \hat{\chi}^2(x) = 1 \end{cases}$$

and the fact each fiber of the map $x \rightarrow x^k$ has k elements, we have

$$\phi_{k,r}(a) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}} \hat{\chi}(x^k) \hat{\chi}^k(x + a) \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \hat{\chi}^{2j}(x).$$

By the change of variable $x \rightarrow -x$ and $x \rightarrow -ax$,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{k,r}(a) &= \hat{\chi}(-1) \hat{\chi}^{1+k}(a) \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}} \hat{\chi}(x) \hat{\chi}^k(1-x) \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \hat{\chi}^{2j}(ax) \\ &= \hat{\chi}(-1) \hat{\chi}^{1+k}(a) \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \hat{\chi}^{2j}(a) \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}} \hat{\chi}^{2j+1}(x) \hat{\chi}^k(1-x) \\ &= \hat{\chi}(-1) \hat{\chi}^{1+k}(a) J_r(\hat{\chi}^{2j+1}, \hat{\chi}^k) \end{aligned}$$

where $J_r(\psi_1, \psi_2)$ is the Jacobi sum over $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ defined by

$$J_r(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^r}} \psi_1(x) \psi_2(1-x).$$

Since

$$J_r(\hat{\chi}^{2j+1}, \hat{\chi}^k) = \hat{\chi}^{2j+1}(4) J_r(\hat{\chi}^{2j+1}, \hat{\chi}^{2j+1}) = K_r(\hat{\chi}^{2j+1}),$$

we get the formula

$$\phi_{k,r}(a) = \hat{\chi}(-1) \hat{\chi}^{1+k}(a) K_r(\hat{\chi}^{2j+1}).$$

It follows from the Hasse-Davenport relation that

$$K_r(\psi) = (-1)^{r-1} K_1(\psi)^r.$$

Hence our Theorem. □

Combining this theorem with the following fact, we get the formula of $\chi(t)$ for the curve $C : y^2 = x^{k+1} + ax$.

Theorem 3.2. *Let C be a hyperelliptic curve of genus g over $\mathbb{F}_p$. Assume $\chi(t)$ for C is decomposed as*

$$\chi(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{2g} (t - \alpha_i).$$

Then

$$|C(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})| = p^r + 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{2g} \alpha_i^r.$$

4 Explicit Formula for $y^2 = x^5 + ax$

Let p be an odd prime and C a hyperelliptic curve defined by an equation $y^2 = x^5 + ax$ over $\mathbb{F}_p$. In [7], we determined the explicit formulae of the order of $J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ for all cases except for the only one case $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ with $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = -1$. Here we show the explicit formula for the remaining case.

Theorem 4.1. *Let p be a prime such that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ and C a hyperelliptic curve defined by an equation $y^2 = x^5 + ax$ over $\mathbb{F}_p$. Put $f = (p-1)/8$. Write p as $p = c^2 + 2d^2$ where $c \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $2d \equiv -(a^f + a^{3f})c \pmod{p}$. Then the characteristic polynomial of p -th power Frobenius map for C is given by the following formula:*

$$\chi(t) = t^4 + (-1)^f 4dt^3 - 8d^2t^2 + (-1)^f 4dpt + p^2.$$

In particular,

$$|J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)| = 1 + (-1)^f 4d - 8d^2 + (-1)^f 4dp + p^2.$$

Proof. This follows from Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.2 and the formula for $K(\chi)$. (See [1]). $\square$

Remark 4.2. All formulae for $\chi(t)$ in this paper are obtained in the same way. Since we have not enough space, we omit the proofs for the formulae.

5 Explicit Formula for $y^2 = x^7 + ax$

Let p be an odd prime and C a hyperelliptic curve defined by an equation $y^2 = x^7 + ax$ over $\mathbb{F}_p$.

5.1 The case of $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$

Let p be a prime such that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ and C a hyperelliptic curve defined by an equation $y^2 = x^7 + ax$ over $\mathbb{F}_p$. Put $f = (p-1)/12$. All theorems in this section follow from Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.2 and the formula for $K(\chi)$. (For the formula of $K(\chi)$, see [1]). We omit the proofs. We fix a generator g of $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$ and write p as $p = c^2 + d^2$ where $c \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $d \equiv cg^{(p-1)/4} \pmod{p}$. Then for the characteristic polynomial of C , we have the following two theorems.

Theorem 5.1. *Let p, c, d, C, a be as above. When $c \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, we have the following formula:*

1. If $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 3 \pm 1, 9 \mp 1 \pmod{12}$, then

$$\chi(t) = (t^2 \mp 2ct + p)(t^4 \mp 2ct^3 + (4c^2 - p)t^2 \mp 2cpt + p^2),$$
2. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 3 \pm 3 \pmod{12}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 \pm 2ct + p)(t^2 \mp 2ct + p)^2$,
3. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 6 \mp 3 \pmod{12}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 \pm 2dt + p)^3$,
4. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 4 \pm 3, 8 \pm 3 \pmod{12}$, then

$$\chi(t) = (t^2 \pm 2dt + p)(t^4 \mp 2dt^3 + (4d^2 - p)t^2 \mp 2dpt + p^2).$$

Theorem 5.2. *Let p, c, d, C, a be as above. When $d \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, we have the following formula:*

1. If $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 3 \pm 1, 9 \mp 1 \pmod{12}$, then

$$\chi(t) = (t^2 \mp 2ct + p)(t^4 \pm 2ct^3 + (4c^2 - p)t^2 \pm 2cpt + p^2),$$
2. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 3 \pm 3 \pmod{12}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 \pm 2ct + p)^3$,
3. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 6 \mp 3 \pmod{12}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 \pm 2dt + p)(t^2 \mp 2dt + p)^2$,
4. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 4 \pm 3, 8 \pm 3 \pmod{12}$, then

$$\chi(t) = (t^2 \pm 2dt + p)(t^4 \pm 2dt^3 + (4d^2 - p)t^2 \pm 2dpt + p^2).$$

5.2 The case of $p \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$

Let p be a prime such that $p \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$. Let C, g, c, d be as in the previous section. Then for the characteristic polynomial of C , we have the following theorem.

Theorem 5.3. *Let p, c, d, C, a be as above. Then, we have the following formula:*

1. If $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 1, 5, 9 \pmod{12}$, then

$$\chi(t) = (t^2 - 2dt + p)(t^2 - 2ct + p)(t^2 + 2ct + p),$$
2. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 3, 7, 11 \pmod{12}$, then

$$\chi(t) = (t^2 + 2dt + p)(t^2 - 2ct + p)(t^2 + 2ct + p),$$
3. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 2, 6, 10 \pmod{12}$, then

$$\chi(t) = (t^2 + 2ct + p)(t^2 - 2dt + p)(t^2 + 2dt + p),$$
4. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 0, 4, 8 \pmod{12}$, then

$$\chi(t) = (t^2 - 2ct + p)(t^2 - 2dt + p)(t^2 + 2dt + p).$$

5.3 The case of $p \equiv 7, 11 \pmod{12}$

For the case of $p \equiv 7, 11 \pmod{12}$, we have the following result.

Theorem 5.4. *Let C be a hyperelliptic curve defined by $y^2 = x^7 + ax$ over $\mathbb{F}_p$. Then, we have the following formula:*

1. *If $p \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$ and a is cubic, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 + p)^3$,*
2. *if $p \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$ and a is not cubic, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 + p)(t^4 - pt^2 + p^2)$,*
3. *if $p \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 + p)^3$.*

5.4 Conclusion for the genus three case

From Theorem 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4, we obtain the conclusion that any hyperelliptic curve of type $y^2 = x^7 + ax$ is not suitable for HCC because the order of its Jacobian group cannot have a large prime factor.

6 Explicit Formula for $y^2 = x^9 + ax$

Let p be an odd prime and C a hyperelliptic curve defined by an equation $y^2 = x^9 + ax$ over $\mathbb{F}_p$.

6.1 The case of $p \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$

Let p be a prime such that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$. We fix a generator g of $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$. Put $f = (p-1)/16$ and $\alpha = g^{(p-1)/16}$. Then there exist integers x, u, v, w such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= x^2 + 2(u^2 + v^2 + w^2) \\
 x &\equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\
 2xv &= u^2 - 2uw - w^2 \\
 x + u(\alpha + \alpha^7) + v(\alpha^2 - \alpha^6) + w(\alpha^3 + \alpha^5) &\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\
 2v^2 - x^2 &\equiv -(u^2 + 2uw - w^2)(\alpha^2 - \alpha^6) \pmod{p}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

It is known that the above x, u, v, w are uniquely determined.

Let $\chi(t) = t^8 - s_1 t^7 + s_2 t^6 - s_3 t^5 + s_4 t^4 - s_3 p t^3 + s_2 p^2 t^2 - s_1 p^3 t + p^4$ be the characteristic polynomial of C . Then by using the above notation, we have the following theorems.

Theorem 6.1. s_1, s_2, s_3 and s_4 are given by the following tables.

$\text{Ind}_g a \pmod{16}$	s_1
1, 7	$(-1)^f 8w$
9, 15	$(-1)^{f+1} 8w$
3, 5	$(-1)^{f+1} 8u$
11, 13	$(-1)^f 8u$
2, 14	$(-1)^{f+1} 8v$
6, 10	$(-1)^f 8v$
8	$(-1)^{f+1} 8x$
0	$(-1)^f 8x$
4, 12	0

$\text{Ind}_g a \pmod{16}$	s_2
1, 7, 9, 15	$32w^2 + 16xv$
3, 5, 11, 13	$32u^2 - 16xv$
2, 6, 10, 14	$32v^2$
0, 8	$4p + 24x^2 - 16v^2$
4, 12	$-4p + 8x^2 + 16v^2$

$\text{Ind}_g a \pmod{16}$	s_3
1, 7	$(-1)^{f+1} 8(pu - 4(u^3 + w^3 + u^2w - 3uw^2))$
9, 15	$(-1)^f 8(pu - 4(u^3 + w^3 + u^2w - 3uw^2))$
3, 5	$(-1)^{f+1} 8(pw + 4(u^3 - w^3 + 3u^2w + uw^2))$
11, 13	$(-1)^f 8(pw + 4(u^3 - w^3 + 3u^2w + uw^2))$
2, 14	$(-1)^{f+1} (8pv + 64v^3 - 32x^2v)$
6, 10	$(-1)^f (8pv + 64v^3 - 32x^2v)$
8	$(-1)^{f+1} (24px + 32x^3 - 64xv^2)$
0	$(-1)^f (24px + 32x^3 - 64xv^2)$
4, 12	0

$\text{Ind}_g a \pmod{16}$	s_4
1, 7, 9, 15	$32u^4 + 32w^4 + 64u^2w^2 - 64puw + 128u^3w - 128uw^3$
3, 5, 11, 13	$32u^4 + 32w^4 + 64u^2w^2 + 64puw + 128u^3w - 128uw^3$
2, 6, 10, 14	$2p^2 + 16x^4 + 64v^4 - 16px^2 - 64x^2v^2 + 32pv^2$
0, 8	$6p^2 + 16x^4 + 64v^4 + 48px^2 - 64x^2v^2 - 32pv^2$
4, 12	$6p^2 + 16x^4 + 64v^4 - 16px^2 - 64x^2v^2 - 32pv^2$

Corollary 6.2. If a is octic, the characteristic polynomial of C is given by

$$\chi(t) = (t^4 - s_1 t^3 / 2 + (s_2 / 2 - s_1^2 / 8) t^2 - s_1 p t / 2 + p^2)^2.$$

In particular, if a is octic, it is not suitable for HCC.

We look at the case when a is not octic. Since $\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = 1$, if a is square, then there is an element $b \in \mathbb{F}_p$ such that $b^2 = -a$. Then $x^9 + ax$ factors into $x(x^4 + b)(x^4 - b)$ and we have that $|J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)|$ is divided by at least 4. So in this case, the best possible order is in the form $4l$ where l is prime.

If a is not square, it is possible to obtain a Jacobian group whose order is in the form $2l$ where l is prime.

6.2 The case of $p \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$

Let p be a prime such that $p \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$. Then there exist integers x, u, v, w such that

$$\begin{aligned} p &= x^2 + 2(u^2 + v^2 + w^2) \\ x &\equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ 2xv &= u^2 - 2uw - w^2, \\ u &\equiv v \equiv w \equiv 1 \pmod{2}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Let $\chi(t) = t^8 - s_1t^7 + s_2t^6 - s_3t^5 + s_4t^4 - s_3pt^3 + s_2p^2t^2 - s_1p^3t + p^4$ be the characteristic polynomial of C . Then, for a fixed generator g of $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 6.3. *The characteristic polynomial of C is determined by the following formula.*

1. $s_1 = s_3 = 0$,
2. $s_2 = (-1)^{\text{Ind}_g a}(4p - 8x^2 - 16v^2)$,
3. $s_4 = 6p^2 + 16x^4 + 64v^4 - 16px^2 - 64x^2v^2 - 32pv^2$.

Remark 6.4. There is some ambiguity with respect to u, w and the sign of v . But it does not affect to determine the characteristic polynomial of C .

Corollary 6.5. *If a is square, the characteristic polynomial of C is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(t) &= (t^4 + 4xt^3 + (2p + 4x^2 - 8v^2)t^2 + 4xpt + p^2) \\ &\quad (t^4 - 4xt^3 + (2p + 4x^2 - 8v^2)t^2 - 4xpt + p^2). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if a is square, it is not suitable for HCC.

We look at the case when a is not square. From Theorem 6.3, we have that $|J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)|$ is divided by at least 2^7 .

6.3 The case of $p \not\equiv 1, 7 \pmod{16}$

Theorem 6.6. *If $p \equiv 3, 11 \pmod{16}$, then the characteristic polynomial of C is given by $\chi(t) = (t^4 + (-1)^{\text{Ind}_g a}p^2)^2$.*

Theorem 6.7. *Assume that $p \equiv 5, 13 \pmod{16}$. Then the characteristic polynomial of C is given by the following formula.*

1. If $\text{Ind}_g a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, then $\chi(t) = t^8 + p^4$,
2. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^4 + p^2)^2$,
3. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 - p)^2(t^2 + p)^2$.

Theorem 6.8. Assume that $p \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$. Then the characteristic polynomial of C is given by the following formula.

1. If $\text{Ind}_g a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, then $\chi(t) = t^8 + p^4$,
2. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^4 + p^2)^2$,
3. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 - p)^4$,
4. if $\text{Ind}_g a \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$, then $\chi(t) = (t^2 + p)^4$.

Theorem 6.9. If $p \equiv 15 \pmod{16}$, then the characteristic polynomial of C is given by $\chi(t) = (t^2 + p)^4$.

In particular, for $p \not\equiv 1, 7 \pmod{16}$, C is a supersingular curve which is not recommended to use for HCC.

7 Examples of suitable curves for HCC of genus 4

In this section, we describe how to search suitable curves for HCC of genus four of type $y^2 = x^9 + ax$ and show the result of search. Here we only describe the case of $p \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$.

7.1 LLL algorithm

Let p be a prime such that $p \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$. For a fixed generator g of $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$, we consider a hyperelliptic curve C defined by $y^2 = x^9 + g^k x$ where $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1$. We show the algorithm to determine $|J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)|$. For a given p , if we obtain x, u, v, w in (1), we can determine the order of $J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ and check its suitability. So the main part of the algorithm is determining x, u, v, w in (1). To determine x, u, v, w , we use the LLL algorithm.

Let α_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, 7$ be positive integers such that $0 \leq \alpha_i < p$ and $\alpha_i \equiv g^{(p-1)i/16} \pmod{p}$. Let $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ be a primitive 16th root of unity and P a prime ideal over (p) in the integer ring $\mathcal{O}_K$ of $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta + \zeta^7)$. A $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis $\{b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3\}$ of P is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_0 &= p, \\
 b_1 &= \zeta + \zeta^7 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_7, \\
 b_2 &= \zeta^2 - \zeta^6 - \alpha_2 + \alpha_6, \\
 b_3 &= \zeta^3 + \zeta^5 - \alpha_3 - \alpha_5.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

For this basis, any entry of the Gram matrix with respect to an inner product $\langle u, v \rangle = \text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(u\bar{v})$ is an integer. Put $c_1 = -\alpha_1 - \alpha_7$, $c_2 = -\alpha_2 + \alpha_6$, $c_3 = -\alpha_3 - \alpha_5$. Then each entry of the Gram matrix is given as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle b_0, b_0 \rangle &= 4p^2, \\ \langle b_0, b_i \rangle &= 4pc_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq 3), \\ \langle b_i, b_j \rangle &= 4c_i c_j \quad (1 \leq i \neq j \leq 3), \\ \langle b_i, b_i \rangle &= 8 + 4c_i^2 \quad (1 \leq i \leq 3).\end{aligned}$$

Then the LLL algorithm for the Gram matrix works and we can obtain (1) by using the following algorithm. (For the details on the LLL algorithm, see [4] for example.)

Algorithm	
Input	p : a prime ($p \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$)
Output	x, u, v, w satisfying (1)
(Step 1-5: Finding $\beta \in \mathcal{O}_K$, $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\beta) = p$.)	
Step 1	$g \leftarrow$ a generator of $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$.
Step 2	$\mathbf{b} = (b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3) \leftarrow$ a $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis (3) of $\mathcal{O}_K$.
Step 3	$G \leftarrow$ the Gram matrix for $\mathbf{b}$.
Step 4	$H = (h_{ij}) \leftarrow$ a transformation matrix obtained by the LLL algorithm for G .
Step 5	$\beta \leftarrow \sum_{i=0}^3 b_i h_{0i}$
Step 6	Determine x, u, v, w by $\beta\tau(\beta) = x + u(\zeta + \zeta^7) + v(\zeta^2 - \zeta^6) + w(\zeta^3 + \zeta^5)$ and (1) where τ is an automorphism of $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta + \zeta^7)$ given by $\zeta \mapsto \zeta^3$.
Step 7	Return x, u, v, w .

This algorithm can be easily implemented and we can compute $|J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)|$ of C defined by $y^2 = x^9 + ax$ in a very short time.

7.2 Examples of suitable curves

Trying many p and many $a = g^k$, we can obtain many suitable curves for HCC.

Table 1: Search results

search range (r, s) for $r < p < s$	the number of curves s.t. $ J_C(\mathbb{F}_p) = 2 \cdot (\text{prime})$	time [sec]
$(2^{41}, 2^{41} + 10^4)$	12	2.824
$(2^{41}, 2^{41} + 10^5)$	79	26.548
$(2^{41}, 2^{41} + 10^6)$	714	267.054

Here we show some examples of suitable curves for HCC obtained by our algorithm.

Table 2: Examples of suitable curves of genus 4

p	1759218504481(41-bit)
g	29
k	1
s_1	4722688
s_2	14617568463136
s_3	29894897984637227312
s_4	46358542553945186095112704
$ J_C(\mathbb{F}_p) $	2·4789034620376653463540859489797 855263219497047089(162-bit)
Time	0.01[sec]
p	2199023315233(41-bit)
g	5
k	9
s_1	5185024
s_2	13708576868352
s_3	26252697890967218048
s_4	42229265708937781717303296
$ J_C(\mathbb{F}_p) $	2·11691986799636433497742258013292 719544703684675777(163-bit)
Time	0.01[sec]

All computation were done on a system with Pentium 4 1.6GHz.

7.3 Notes on security

All examples in Table 2 are not weak against Frey-Rück attack[6]. To see this, one can easily check that a large prime factor of $|J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)|$ does not divide $p^r - 1$, $r = 1, 2, \dots, 4^3 \lfloor \log^2 p \rfloor$.

From the result of Duursma, Gaudry and Morain [5], an automorphism of large order can be exploited to accelerate the Pollard's rho algorithm. If there is an automorphism of order m , we can get a speed up of $\sqrt{m}$. The order of any automorphism of $y^2 = x^9 + ax$ is at most 16. So the Pollard's rho algorithm for these curves can be improved only by a factor 4.

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