

Elliptic Curve Diffie Hellman Key Exchange

Let $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ be an elliptic curve. If Alice and Bob wish to exchange a key they can follow the following steps.

They agree on a prime p and an elliptic curve, and a point P on this curve. Let's say they choose $p = 23$, $E : y^2 = x^3 + 5x + 1$ and $P = (4, 4)$.

(1) Check that P is a point on their curve.

(2) To exchange a key using ECDHA with your partner, pick a secret number a : _____ (For this exercise, pick a number between 9 and 15, make sure you don't pick the same number as your partner.)

Write a in binary: _____.

(3) You wish to compute aP . We compute this using repeated doubling. Work out the values in the table: (Recall from your notes or book the rules for adding points on a curve. You can use sage to do the arithmetic modulo 23.)

P	
2P	
4P	
8P	

(4) Now add together the relevant entries to produce your aP .

(5) Exchange this number with your partner and write down the number they send you Q : _____. Now compute aQ , again using repeated doubling. Work out the values in the table:

Q	
2Q	
4Q	
8Q	

(6) Finally add together the relevant entries to produce aQ . Do you and your partner get the same point? This point (or one of its coordinates, say the x-coordinate) is your secret key.

Elliptic Curve El Gamal

Let $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ be an elliptic curve. Alice wishes to create a public key so that others can send her messages securely using an Elliptic curve version of the El Gamal system.

To do this she does the following. She picks a large prime p . (Let's say she picks $p = 8675309$) and an elliptic curve (Let's say she picks $E : y^2 = x^3 + 2x + 1$.)

- (1) Define this curve in sage using `E = EllipticCurve(GF(8675309), [2, 1])`
- (2) Use sage to pick a random point α on this curve using `alpha = E.random_point()` and a secret integer a using `a = ZZ.random_element(1000000)`. a is the private key, which should not be shared. Write it here $a : \underline{\hspace{10em}}$
- (3) Compute $\beta = a \times \alpha$. Alice's public key is (E, p, α, β) . Write it here:

- (4) Exchange public keys with your partner. Write their key (E, p, α', β') here: (Note, they will have the same curve and prime, but different α and β .)

- (5) Now, send a message to your partner. Use `m = E.random_point()` to pick a point on the curve which will be your message and write it here:
 $m : \underline{\hspace{10em}}$
 (Note: There are various ways to encode a message as a point on a curve, we won't talk about them here.)
- (6) Use sage to pick a random integer k . `k = ZZ.random_element(1000000)`
 Write it here $k : \underline{\hspace{10em}}$
- (7) Compute:
 $y_1 = k \times \alpha' = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$
 $y_2 = m + k \times \beta' = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$
- (8) Exchange these numbers with your partner, write their values here:
 $y'_1 = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$
 $y'_2 = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$
- (9) Decrypt their message by computing
 $m' = y'_2 - a \times y'_1 : \underline{\hspace{10em}}$
- (10) Check: Did you successfully decrypt their message? (Is your m' equal to their m ?)