

### Elliptic Curve Diffie Hellman Key Exchange

If Alice and Bob wish to exchange a key using ECDHE they do the following:

They choose a prime  $p$  and an elliptic curve  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$ . They pick a point  $P$  on the curve. (The analogue of the primitive root in the regular Diffie-Hellman exchange).

Let's say they choose  $p = 23$ ,  $E : y^2 = x^3 + 5x + 1$  and  $P = (5, 6)$ .

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

(2) To exchange a key using ECDHA with your partner, pick a secret number  $r$  : \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Pick a number between 9 and 15, don't pick the same number as your partner.)

Write  $r$  in binary: \_\_\_\_\_.

(3) You wish to compute  $rP$  ( $P$  added to itself  $r$  times.) We compute this using repeated doubling. Work out the values in the table. Recall to add  $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$  to  $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ , and get  $P_3 = (x_3, y_3) = P_1 + P_2$  we compute

$$m = \begin{cases} (y_2 - y_1)(x_2 - x_1)^{-1} \pmod{p} & P_1 \neq P_2 \\ (3x_1^2 + a)(2y_1)^{-1} \pmod{p} & P_1 = P_2 \end{cases}$$

$$x_3 = m^2 - x_1 - x_2 \pmod{p}$$

$$y_3 = m(x_1 - x_3) - y_1 \pmod{p}$$

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| $P$            | (5,6) |
| $2P = P + P$   |       |
| $4P = 2P + 2P$ |       |
| $8P = 4P + 4P$ |       |

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

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

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| Q  |  |
| 2Q |  |
| 4Q |  |
| 8Q |  |

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