

Elliptic Curves Continued 12/5

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Last class we were working on the following example: Elliptic curve: $y^2 = x^3 + 2x + 4$ with the two points $p(0, 2)$ and $q(-1, 1)$

To add $P+Q$ we do the following:

Since

$P \neq Q$ we use the slope formula: $s = y_2 - y_1 / (x_2 - x_1)$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= 1 - 2 / -1 - 0 \\ &= -1/1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The formula to find our x_3 is: $s^2 - x_1 - x_2$

$$= 1 - 0 - (-1) = 2$$

The formula to find our y_3 is: $s(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1(0 - 2) - 2 \\ &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

$$P + Q = (2, -4)$$

In the next example, if we want to do $(P + Q) + P$ we have the points $(1, -4) + (0, 2)$ Step 1 is to find the slope using the regular slope formula since

$P \neq Q$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= (-4 - 2) / (2 - 0) = -6/2 = -3 \\ x_3 &= (-3)^2 - 2 - 0 = 7 \\ y_3 &= -3(2 - 7) - (-4) \\ &= 15 + 4 = 19 \end{aligned}$$

$$(x_3, y_3) = (7, -4)$$

Then we add this new P to our original P to complete the formula:

$$(7, -4) + (1, -4) : P \neq P$$

$$s = (-4 - (-4))/(1 - 7) = -8/-6 = -4/3$$

$$x_4 = (-4/3)^2 - 7 - (-4) = (16/9) - 3 = (-11/9)$$

$$y_4 = -4/3(7 - (-11/9)) - (-4) = -4/3(188/36) = -4/3(47/9) = (-188/27)$$

$$(x_4, y_4) = ((11/9), (-188/27))$$

For cryptography, we do all the same arithmetic mod p Hasse's Theorem: if E is any elliptic curve (mod p) the number of points on E ($\#E$) is between $p+1-2\sqrt{p} < \#E < p+1+2\sqrt{p}$