

Exploring the use of Pell hyperbolas in DLP-based cryptosystems

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The Pell hyperbola over a field \mathbb{K} is a curve defined as

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From the definition of the [Brahmagupta product](#)

$$(x_1, y_1) \otimes_d (x_2, y_2) = (x_1x_2 + dy_1y_2, x_1y_2 + y_1x_2),$$

it follows that $(\mathcal{C}_d(\mathbb{K}), \otimes_d)$ is a group where the identity element is the vertex of the hyperbola with coordinates $(1, 0)$ and the inverse of a point (x, y) is $(x, -y)$.

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All Pell hyperbolas such that $\chi_q(d) = \chi_q(d')$ are isomorphic, in particular, if $d' = ds^2$ for some $s \in \mathbb{F}_q$, the group isomorphism is

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{d,d'} : (\mathcal{C}_d(\mathbb{F}_q), \otimes_d) &\xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{C}_{d'}(\mathbb{F}_q), \otimes_{d'}), \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto (x, y/s). \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

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Generalized Pell hyperbolas

Theorem (A., Dutto, Murru)

Given $c, d \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$ and a point $(a, b) \in \mathcal{C}_{c,d}(\mathbb{F}_q)$, the following map is a group isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{c,d}^{a,b} : (\mathcal{C}_d(\mathbb{F}_q), \otimes_d) &\xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{C}_{c,d}(\mathbb{F}_q), \otimes_{a,b,c,d}), \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto (a, b) \otimes_d (x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Its inverse is

$$\begin{aligned} (\tau_{c,d}^{a,b})^{-1} : (\mathcal{C}_{c,d}, \otimes_{a,b,c,d}) &\xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{C}_d, \otimes_d), \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto (1, 0) \otimes_{a,b,c,d} (x, y). \end{aligned}$$

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Whereas, if $(\mathcal{C}_{c,d}(\mathbb{F}_q), \otimes_{a,b,c,d})$ and $(\mathcal{C}_{c',d'}(\mathbb{F}_q), \otimes_{a',b',c',d'})$ with $\chi_q(d) = \chi_q(d')$ and $d' = ds^2$, then the group isomorphism between the two generalized Pell hyperbolas given explicitly by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{c',d'}^{a',b'} \circ \delta_{d,d'} \circ (\tau_{c,d}^{a,b})^{-1}(x, y) &= \frac{1}{c} (a'(ax - dby) + d'b'(ay - bx)/s, \\ &\quad a'(ay - bx)/s + b'(ax - dby)). \end{aligned}$$

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Parameterization for $\mathcal{C}_d(\mathbb{F}_q)$

Let us consider the quotient

$$\mathcal{R}_{d,q} = \mathbb{F}_q[t]/(t^2 - d) = \{x + ty \mid x, y \in \mathbb{F}_q, t^2 = d\}.$$

For any two elements $x_1 + ty_1, x_2 + ty_2 \in \mathcal{R}_{d,q}$, the product naturally induced from the quotient is

$$(x_1 + ty_1)(x_2 + ty_2) = (x_1x_2 + dy_1y_2) + t(x_1y_2 + y_1x_2),$$

which is essentially the classic Brahmagupta product, so that in the following we will use the notation \otimes_d adopted with the Pell hyperbola.

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The invertible elements of $\mathcal{R}_{d,q}$ with respect to \otimes_d indicated as $\mathcal{R}_{d,q}^{\otimes_d}$, may be:

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Thus, we define $\mathbb{P}_{d,q} = \mathcal{R}_{d,q}^{\otimes_d} / \mathbb{F}_q^\times$.

Parameterization for $\mathcal{C}_d(\mathbb{F}_q)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_{d,q} &= \begin{cases} \{[m+t] \mid m \in \mathbb{F}_q\} \cup \{[1]\}, & \text{if } d \text{ is a non-square,} \\ \{[m+t] \mid m \in \mathbb{F}_q \setminus \{\pm s\}\} \cup \{[1]\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &\sim \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}_q \cup \{\alpha\}, & \text{if } d \text{ is a non-square,} \\ \mathbb{F}_q \setminus \{\pm s\} \cup \{\alpha\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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The operation \otimes_d between canonical representatives in $\mathbb{P}_{d,q}$ is

$$m_1 \otimes_d m_2 = \begin{cases} m_1, & \text{if } m_2 = \alpha, \\ m_2, & \text{if } m_1 = \alpha, \\ \frac{m_1 m_2 + d}{m_1 + m_2}, & \text{if } m_1 + m_2 \neq 0, \\ \alpha, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

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Considering the canonical representatives in $\mathbb{P}_{d,q}$, the group isomorphism is

$$\phi_d : (\mathbb{P}_{d,q}, \otimes_d) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{C}_d(\mathbb{F}_q), \otimes_d),$$

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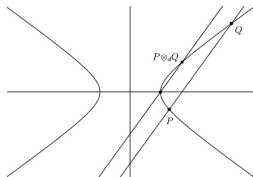
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Thus, the parameters in $\mathbb{P}_{d,q}$ of the Pell hyperbola can be obtained considering the lines $y = \frac{1}{m}(x+1)$ for m varying in \mathbb{F}_q or $m = \alpha$.

A geometric interpretation

Given two points P and Q of the Pell Hyperbola, their product $P \otimes_d Q$ is obtained by considering the intersection between the hyperbola and the line through the identity point $(1, 0)$ and parallel to the line through P and Q .



Geometric interpretation of the Brahmagupta product.

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In particular, three schemes have been studied

- ElGamal with Pell hyperbola,
- ElGamal with the parameterization,
- ElGamal with the obtained isomorphisms.

Classic ElGamal cryptosystem

KeyGen(n):

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- 4: $h = g^{sk} \in G$
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Encrypt(msg, pk):

- 1: $r \leftarrow_{\$} \{1, \dots, q - 1\}$
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The verification of decryption phase:

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ElGamal with two Pell hyperbolas

KeyGen(n):

- 1: $q \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ power of a prime
- 2: $d \in \mathbb{F}_q$ minimum with
 $\chi_q(d) = -1$
- 3: $g \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{P}_{d,q}$ of order $q + 1$
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- 5: $h = g^{\otimes d sk} \in \mathbb{P}_{d,q}$
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The key generation is standard, except for the smallest non-square d taken in step 2, which is used for the exponentiation in step 5 and then included in the public key.

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In the decryption the message is retrieved from the point related to the obtained parameter (step 2).

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Security

The security strength for the DLP-based cryptosystems relies on the adopted cyclic group. Since in the introduced scheme the parameter $d \in \mathbb{F}_q$ is a non-square, there is an explicit group isomorphism between $(\mathcal{C}_d(\mathbb{F}_q), \otimes_d)$ and the multiplicative subgroup $G \subset \mathbb{F}_{q^2}^\times$ of order $q + 1$.

This is true also for $(\mathbb{P}_{d,q}, \otimes_d)$.

The DLP related to the Pell hyperbola can be reduced to that in a finite field that, with respect to the standard security strengths for ElGamal in Finite Field Cryptography (FFC), has halved size of q .

Sec.	FFC	PCI
80	1024	512
112	2048	1024
128	3072	1536
192	7680	3840
256	15360	7680

Field size in bits for FFC and PCI depending on the cyclic group and the classical security strength in bits.

Data-size

Data-size in bits for ElGamal with FFC and PCI depending on the size n of q and for 80 bits of security.

Formulation	par	pk	sk	msg	c_1, c_2
FFC	$2n$	n	n	n	$2n$
	2048	1024	1024	1024	2048
PCI	$2n$	n	n	$2n$	n
	1024	512	512	1024	1536

Performance

Sec.	Alg.	FFC	PCI
80	Gen	0.011079	0.007524
	Enc	0.022311	0.028152
	Dec	0.012183	0.010203
112	Gen	0.074718	0.038527
	Enc	0.149400	0.164122
	Dec	0.077622	0.057106
128	Gen	0.233983	0.112873
	Enc	0.467730	0.496599
	Dec	0.239429	0.171190
192	Gen	3.188959	1.372381
	Enc	6.372422	6.291258
	Dec	3.218019	2.103753
256	Gen	22.874051	9.519104
	Enc	45.766954	42.658508
	Dec	22.981310	14.464945

Average times in seconds for 10 random instances of fixed msg length, depending on the security strength.

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