

SIKE不再

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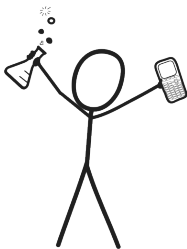
<https://issikebrokenyet.github.io/>

Is SIKE broken yet?

Schemes

Name	Type	Classical Security	Quantum Security	References	Additional Information
▷ SIDH	Key Exchange	$\tilde{O}(n^3)$	$\hat{O}(n^3)$	JDF11 DJP14 CLN16	▷ Comment
SIKE	KEM	$\tilde{O}(n^3)$	$\hat{O}(n^3)$	SIKE	▷ Comment
B-SIDH	Key Exchange	$\tilde{O}(n^3)$	$\hat{O}(n^3)$	Cos19	▷ Comment
CRS	Key Exchange, Non Interactive Key Exchange	$\exp(n)^{1/2}$	$L(1/2)$	Cou06 RS06 DKS18	▷ Comment
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Stand back!



We're going to do math.

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$$[m]: E \rightarrow E$$

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Example #2: For any a and b , the map $\iota: (x, y) \mapsto (-x, \sqrt{-1} \cdot y)$ defines a degree-1 isogeny of the elliptic curves

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Example #3: $(x, y) \mapsto \left(\frac{x^3 - 4x^2 + 30x - 12}{(x-2)^2}, \frac{x^3 - 6x^2 - 14x + 35}{(x-2)^3} \cdot y \right)$

defines a degree-3 isogeny of the elliptic curves

$$\{y^2 = x^3 + x\} \longrightarrow \{y^2 = x^3 - 3x + 3\}$$

over \mathbb{F}_{71} . Its kernel is $\{(2, 9), (2, -9), \infty\}$.

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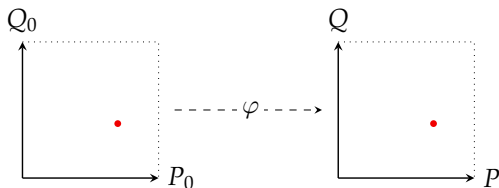
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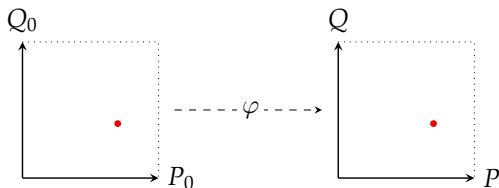
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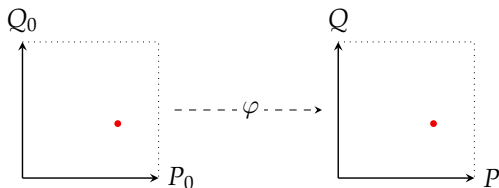
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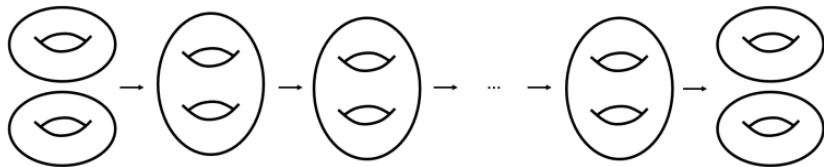
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(Actually, the CD attack also involves a tiny bit of brute force for reasons I’ll sweep under the rug. One consequence is that in the actual attack we’ll have $\deg \gamma = 2^a - 3^{b-\beta}$ for a small β , but I’m pretending $\beta = 0$ for simplicity.)

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\implies As before: Evaluate on basis of $E[2^a]$ to find $\ker \varphi$.

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- ▶ Core trick: [Embedding lemma](#).

This also has cool [constructive applications](#)! [ePrints 2022/1068 and 2022/1704]

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 - ▶ Example: Every $E \times E \times E \times E$ has an endomorphism of *any* degree.
(Uses **sum-of-four-squares theorem** and **quaternions!** So cool!)

The endomorphism of $E_0^4 \times E^4$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} t & u & v & w & \varphi & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -u & t & -w & v & 0 & \varphi & 0 & 0 \\ -v & w & t & -u & 0 & 0 & \varphi & 0 \\ -w & -v & u & t & 0 & 0 & 0 & \varphi \\ -\widehat{\varphi} & 0 & 0 & 0 & t & -u & -v & -w \\ 0 & -\widehat{\varphi} & 0 & 0 & u & t & w & -v \\ 0 & 0 & -\widehat{\varphi} & 0 & v & -w & t & u \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\widehat{\varphi} & w & v & -u & t \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Core trick: ***Embedding lemma***.

This also has cool **constructive applications!** [ePrints 2022/1068 and 2022/1704]

- !! These are **theoretical results**. Currently **totally impractical**.

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