Genus 2 Isogeny Cryptography

Isogeny-based Cryptography Study Group, Week 10

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Let p be prime. Define $\Gamma_1(\ell, p)$ to be the graph whose vertices are isomorphism classes of supersingular elliptic curves over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$, and whose edges are ℓ -isogenies, for a prime $\ell \neq p$.

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Figure: The 2-isogeny graph for p = 2521 (credit to Denis Charles, Microsoft Research).

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Here, $h_i(x) := \delta^{-1}(g'_{i+1}(x)g_{i+2}(x) - g_{i+1}(x)g'_{i+2}(x))$ (indices taken mod 3)

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- $+\ 1829327374163410097298853068766 i + 3453489516944406316396271485172.$

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	+17895775393232773855271038385i + 3856858968014591645005318326985,	
	$(2432835950855765586938146638349i + 3267484715622822051923177214055) \times$	'
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$\phi_A(Q_2) =$	$(x^2 + (363382700960978261088696293501i + 3499548729039922528103431054749)x)$	
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	(3043817101596607612186808885116i + 4027557567198565187096133171734)x	,
	$\left(+4087176631917166066356886198518i + 1327157646340760346840638146328 \right)$	
$\phi_A(Q_3) =$	$(x^{2} + (3946684136660787881888285451015i + 1250236853749119184502604023717)x)$	
	+3358152613483376587872867674703i + 467252201151076389055524809476,	
	(1562920784368105245499132757775i + 987920823075946850233644600497)x	,
	1 + 1675005758282871337010798605079i + 1490924669195823363601763347629	
$\phi_A(Q_4) =$	$(x^{2} + (1629408242557750155729330759772i + 3235283387810139201773539373655)x)$	
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	$(2303675086247524032663566872348i \pm 3412010204074086421616006641702) \times 384$	41

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Finally, Alice and Bob can both compute their common G2-invariants:

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- $g_3 = 1658885975351604494486138482883i + 3931354413698538292465352257393.$

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