# Integer Factorization of Semi-Primes Based on Analysis of a Sequence of Modular Elliptic Equations* 

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#### Abstract

In this paper is demonstrated a method for reduction of integer factorization problem to an analysis of a sequence of modular elliptic equations. As a result, the paper provides a non-deterministic algorithm that computes a factor of a semi-prime integer $n=p q$, where prime factors $p$ and $q$ are unknown. The proposed algorithm is based on counting points on a sequence of at least four elliptic curves $y^{2}=x\left(x^{2}+b^{2}\right)(\bmod n)$, where $b$ is a control parameter. Although in the worst case, for some $n$ the number of required values of parameter $b$ that must be considered (the number of basic steps of the algorithm) substantially exceeds four, hundreds of computer experiments indicate that the average number of the basic steps does not exceed six. These experiments also confirm all important facts discussed in this paper.


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## 1. Introduction and Problem Statement

Security of information transmission via communication networks is provided by various cryptographic protocols. Crypto-immunity of these protocols is mostly based on hardness of either the integer factorization or the discrete logarithm problem.

There are several algorithms that factorize a semiprime $n=p q$, where $n$ is known, but its integer factors $p$ and $q$ are not. Fermat, Euler and other mathematicians/computer scientists introduced various algorithms for integer factorization. A survey of methods for factoring is provided in [1], and modern factoring algorithms are described in [2]. Various special methods are considered in [3-5]; an application of cubic forms for factorization, as one of these special methods, is provided in [6]. A comparison and analysis of factoring algorithms with exponential time complexity is provided in [7]. Algorithms based on the quadratic sieve (QS) are discussed in $[8,9]$ while integer factoring via the number field sieve (NFS) is provided in [10]. Both the QS and NFS are the algorithms with sub-exponential time complexity. The application of special devises for factoring is described in [11,12]. A pioneering paper on

[^0]application of quantum computing for integer factorization is discussed in [13].

A new factoring algorithm proposed in this paper is based on the analysis of several modular elliptic equations \{called elliptic curves\} and counting how many integer points $\{$ integer pairs $(x, y)\}$ satisfy these curves. The application of elliptic curves for factoring is described in [14-17]. Methods of counting points on elliptic curves are considered in $[18,19]$ and more generally on modular equations with several variables in [20,21]. A relationship between integer factorization and constrained discrete logarithm problems is analyzed in [22].

Consider $n=p q$, where both $p$ and $q$ are multi-digit long primes. There are three special cases: where

1) each factor is congruent to 1 modulo4:

$$
\begin{equation*}
p=q=1(\bmod 4) ; \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

2) $\quad(p+q)(\bmod 4)=0$;
3) $\quad p=q=3(\bmod 4)$.

In this paper we discuss the factorization algorithm for (1.1) and (1.2) cases only.

Consider a sequence of elliptic curves (EC) modulo $n$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
E(n, b): y^{2}=x\left(x^{2}+b^{2}\right)(\bmod n) \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $b \geq 1$ is an integer control parameter.
Let $P(n, b)$ denote the number of points on the EC (1.3).

## 2. Integer Factorization Algorithm

Input: $n$ is a semi-prime;
Output: integer factors $p$ and $q$ of $n$;
1: if $n \bmod 4=3$, then for a randomly chosen $b$ compute $P(n, b)$;
2: $\{$ Assign $\}: p:=\operatorname{gcd}[P(n, b), n] ; q:=n / p$; $\{$ end of algorithm\};
3: if $n \bmod 4=1$, then compute $P(n, 1)$;
4: if $P(n, 1)=n$, then $p=q=3(\bmod 4)$ : the algorithm is not applicable;
else for $b=2,3,5,7,11, \cdots$ co-prime with $n$ compute $P(n, b)$ until four distinct integers $A, Q, R, U$ are found; (2.2)
else, if $b$ that divides $n$ is found, then $p:=b ; q:=n / p$; \{end of algorithm\};
5: Let $Q:=\max (A, Q, R, U) ; U:=\min (A, Q, R, U)$;
6: Compute $S:=(Q-U-|A-R|) / 4$;
7: $\{$ Assign $\}: p:=\operatorname{gcd}(n, S) ; q:=n / p ;$ \{end of algorithm\}.
Remark 2.1: For sake of reference, the (2.1)-(2.6) algorithm is called the SQUAR-algorithm.
Remark 2.2: For large $n$, computation of $A, Q, R$ and $U$ can be performed in parallel.
Remark 2.3: If $b$ is not co-prime with $n$, then $b$ divides $n$, i.e., either $p$ or $q$ is equal $b$.

Remark 2.4: Notice that $S \ll \min (A, Q, R, U)$. This observation allows us to simplify the computations of $S$ for large $n$ \{see the example with "larger" $n$ in the Appendix\}.

## 3. Numeric Illustrations

Table 3.1. Number of points $P\left(n, b_{k}\right)$ on four elliptic curves $E(n, b)$.

| $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $\boldsymbol{P}\left(\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathbf{1}}}\right) ; \boldsymbol{k}_{1}=\mathbf{1}$ | $\boldsymbol{P}\left(\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathbf{2}}}\right) ; \boldsymbol{k}_{2}$ | $\boldsymbol{P}\left(\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathbf{3}}}\right) ; \boldsymbol{k}_{3}$ | $\boldsymbol{P}\left(\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathbf{4}}}\right) ; \boldsymbol{k}_{4}$ | $\max$ <br> $k$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24869 | $\mathbf{3 7 9 8 1 ; 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 9 9 3} \mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 7 1 3 ; 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 7 8 9} \mathbf{4} \mathbf{4}$ | 4 |
| 3813809 | $\mathbf{3 8 5 0 2 3 3 ; 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 7 4 9 9 3 ; 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 7 4 7 8 9 ; 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 5 5 2 2 1 ; 1 1}$ | 11 |
| 3858521 | $\mathbf{3 9 9 6 0 0 1 ; 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 5 2 1 7 3 ; 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 1 7 9 4 5 ; 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 6 7 9 6 5 ; 1 7}$ | 17 |
| 4549289 | $\mathbf{4 2 5 5 7 1 3 ; 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 5 8 6 6 9 ; 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 5 2 6 3 3 ; 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 3 0 1 4 1 ; 7}$ | 7 |

Table 3.2. Major steps of factorization algorithm.

| $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $\boldsymbol{A}$ | $\boldsymbol{Q}$ | $\boldsymbol{R}$ | $\boldsymbol{U}$ | $\boldsymbol{S}$ | $\boldsymbol{p} ; \boldsymbol{q}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2 4 8 6 9}$ | 37981 | 34713 | 13993 | 12789 | $\mathbf{1 1 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 3} ; \mathbf{1 9 1 3}$ |
| $\mathbf{3 8 1 3 8 0 9}$ | 3955221 | 3850233 | 3774993 | 3674789 | $\mathbf{5 1 2 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 7 3 ; 1 9 3 3}$ |
| $\mathbf{3 8 5 8 5 2 1}$ | 4067965 | 3996001 | 3717945 | 3652173 | $\mathbf{3 4 4 3 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 1 3} ; \mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ |
| $\mathbf{4 5 4 9 2 8 9}$ | 4852633 | 4558669 | 4530141 | 4255713 | $\mathbf{1 4 2 0 9 8}$ | $p=\operatorname{gcd}(n, S)$ |

We leave to readers the computation of $p$ and $q$ for the last semi-prime in Table 3.2.

## RSA Factoring Challenge

Consider a product of two integers: $n:=p q$, where $p=34905295108476509491478496199038 \backslash$ 98133417764638493387843990820577; and $q=327691329932667095499619881908344 \backslash$ 61413177642967992942539798288533.

This $n$ is called a RSA-129 Challenge [23]: given $n$, it was necessary to find its factors $p$ and $q$. Since in the RSA-129 nmod $4=1$ and $p=q=1(\bmod 4)$, therefore the proposed algorithm (2.1)-(2.6) is applicable to solve this problem.

## 4. Algorithm Validation

Definition 4.1: A non-zero integer $\underline{a}$ is called a quadratic residue $(Q R)$ modulo $p$ if there exists an integer $z$
such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
z^{2}=a(\bmod p) ; \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

otherwise $\underline{a}$ is called a quadratic non-residue ( $Q N R$ ) modulo $p$.
By the Euler criterion [1], if $p$ is a prime, then $\underline{a}$ is a $Q R$ if and only if

$$
a^{(p-1) / 2} \bmod p=1
$$

The algorithm (2.1)-(2.6) is based on the following proposition.

Conjecture 4.1: If $p=q=1(\bmod 4)$, then there exist two positive integers $c<p$ and $d<q$, and four sets $S_{1}, S_{2}, S_{3}$ and $S_{4}$ such that

$$
\begin{align*}
& S_{1}=\{b: P(n, b)=U:=(p-c)(q-d)\} ;  \tag{4.2}\\
& S_{2}=\{b: P(n, b)=A:=(p-c)(q+d)\} ;  \tag{4.3}\\
& S_{3}=\{b: P(n, b)=R:=(p+c)(q-d)\} ; \tag{4.4}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{4}=\{b: P(n, b)=Q:=(p+c)(q+d)\} ; \tag{4.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and where for every $i \neq j \quad S_{i} \cap S_{j}=\mathrm{O}$; and
$S_{1} \cup S_{2} \cup S_{3} \cup S_{4}=\{1,2,3,5,7,11,13, \cdots\} ;$ set of all primes $\}$

Example 4.1: For semi-prime $n=1352513$ the sets $S_{1}, S_{2}, S_{3}$ and $S_{4}$ are as follows:

$$
\begin{gathered}
S_{1}=\{b=1,2,7,41, \cdots ; U=1267905\} ; \\
S_{2}=\{b=5,13,17,43,61,67,71,79, \cdots ; A=1313517\} ; \\
S_{3}=\{b=3,11,23,29,37,47,59,73, \cdots ; R=1389325\} ; \\
S_{4}=\{b=19,31,53, \cdots ; Q=1439305\} .
\end{gathered}
$$

A priori it is not obvious how this conjecture can help to factorize $n$, but, as it is shown below, this is the case. It is assumed in this paper that there exists an efficient algorithm that computes $A, Q, R$ and $U$ \{see (4.2)-(4.5) $\}$.
From the definitions (4.2)-(4.5), it is easy to see that $Q>\max (A, R)$ and $U<\min (A, R)$,
i.e., that $n+(p d+q c)+c d>\max (A, R)$; and $\min (A, R)>n-(p d+q c)+c d$.
On the other hand, $R \neq A$, otherwise it implies that $p d=q c$. Since both $p$ and $q$ are primes, the latter equation holds only if $c=p$ and $d=q$, which is impossible by the conjecture.
Consider the smallest product $U$ and the largest product $Q\{$ see (4.2) and (4.5) $\}$.

As a result, we derive a system of three equations with four integer unknowns $p, q, c$ and $d$ :

$$
\begin{gather*}
p q=n ; \quad(p+c)(q+d)=Q ; \quad(p-c)(q-d)=U ;  \tag{4.7}\\
\text { i.e., } \quad n+(p d+q d)+c d=Q  \tag{4.8}\\
\text { and } n-(p d+q c)+c d=U \tag{4.9}
\end{gather*}
$$

Therefore, (4.8) and (4.9) imply that

$$
\begin{equation*}
p d+q c=(Q-U) / 2 \tag{4.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now consider another system of three equations with the same four unknowns:
$p q=n ;(p-c)(q+d)=A$ and $(p+c)(q-d)=R ;$

$$
\begin{align*}
& \text { i.e., } n+(p d-q c)-c d=A \text {; }  \tag{4.12}\\
& \text { and } n-(p d-q c)-c d=R .
\end{align*}
$$

Then (4.12) and (4.13) imply that

$$
\begin{equation*}
p d-q c=(A-R) / 2 ; \tag{4.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

and, as a result, from (4.10) and (4.14)

$$
\begin{equation*}
q c=[(Q-U) / 2-(A-R) / 2] / 4 \tag{4.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Finally, from $q c \neq n$ it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
q=\operatorname{gcd}(n, q c), \text { and } p=n / q \tag{4.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 5. Alternative Computation of Factors

It is easy to see that one of the factors is an average
arithmetic of two greatest common divisors

$$
\begin{equation*}
p=[\operatorname{gcd}(A, Q)+\operatorname{gcd}(R, U)] / 2, \text { and } q=n / p \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

However, computation of (5.1) is twice more complicated than the previously described procedure. Indeed, in (5.1) we must compute the two greatest common divisors and one addition, while in (2.6) it is necessary to compute only one greatest common divisor and three subtractions.

## 6. Generalized Factorization Algorithm

The factorization procedure described in (2.1)-(2.6) \{SQUAR-algorithm\} can be generalized and based on one of two following conjectures.
Consider a set of modular elliptic curves

$$
\begin{equation*}
E(n, a): \quad y^{2}=x\left(x^{2}+a\right)(\bmod n) \tag{6.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $a \neq 0, n=p q, p=q=1(\bmod 4)$ and $P(n, a)$ denotes the number of points on $E(n, a)$.

Conjecture 6.1: If $\underline{a}$ is a quadratic residue modulo $n$, then there exist two positive integers $c<p$ and $d<q$, and four sets $S_{1}, S_{2}, S_{3}$ and $S_{4}$ such that

$$
\begin{align*}
& S_{1}=\left\{a: P(n, a)=u_{1}:=(p-c)(q-d)\right\} ;  \tag{6.2}\\
& S_{2}=\left\{a: P(n, a)=u_{2}:=(p-c)(q+d)\right\} ;  \tag{6.3}\\
& S_{3}=\left\{a: P(n, a)=u_{3}:=(p+c)(q-d)\right\} ;  \tag{6.4}\\
& S_{4}=\left\{a: P(n, a)=u_{4}:=(p+c)(q+d)\right\} ; \tag{6.5}
\end{align*}
$$

and where for every $i \neq j \quad S_{i} \cap S_{j}=\mathrm{O}$;
and $S_{1} \cup S_{2} \cup S_{3} \cup S_{4}=\{$ set of all $Q R$ modulo $n\}$.
Conjecture 6.2: If $\underline{a}$ is a quadratic non-residue modulo $n$, then there exist two positive integers $g<p$ and $h<q$, and four sets $T_{1}, T_{2}, T_{3}$ and $T_{4}$ such that

$$
\begin{align*}
& T_{1}=\left\{a: P(n, a)=w_{1}:=(p+g)(q+h)\right\} ;  \tag{6.7}\\
& T_{2}=\left\{a: P(n, a)=w_{2}:=(p-g)(q+h)\right\} ;  \tag{6.8}\\
& T_{3}=\left\{a: P(n, a)=w_{3}:=(p+g)(q-h)\right\} ;  \tag{6.9}\\
& T_{4}=\left\{a: P(n, a)=w_{4}:=(p-g)(q-h)\right\} ; \tag{6.10}
\end{align*}
$$

and where for every $i \neq j \quad T_{i} \cap T_{j}=\mathrm{O}$; and

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{1} \cup T_{2} \cup T_{3} \cup T_{4}=\{\text { set of all QNR modulo } n\} \tag{6.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 7. Algorithm Acceleration

The numeric experiments provided in Tables 3.1 and 7.1 show that for $n=3813809$ it is necessary to compute $P(n, b)$ six times $\{$ for $b=1,2,3,5,7$ and 11$\}$ and for
$n=3858521$ eight times $\{$ for $b=1,2,3,5,7,11,13$ and 17$\}$ until four distinct integers $A, Q, R$ and $U$ are found.
These numbers can be decreased if the following property holds.
Let $p=q=1(\bmod 4) ; n=p q$ and $M(n, b)$ denote the number of points on a dual EC.

$$
\begin{equation*}
y^{2}=x\left(x^{2}-b^{2}\right)(\bmod n) ; \tag{7.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conjecture 7.1: If primes $p$ and $q$ are randomly selected, then with probability $3 / 4$

$$
\begin{equation*}
P(n, 1) \neq M(n, 1) ; \tag{7.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and, as a result, for every integer $b$

$$
\begin{equation*}
P(n, b) \neq M(n, b) \tag{7.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

otherwise for every integer $b$

$$
\begin{equation*}
P(n, b)=M(n, b) \tag{7.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proposition 7.2: If the factors $p$ and $q$ are congruent to 1 modulo $n=p q$, then the following identities hold for every positive integer $m$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left(n, 2^{m+1}\right)=M\left(n, 2^{m-1}\right) \text { and } M\left(n, 2^{m+1}\right)=P\left(n, 2^{m-1}\right) \tag{7.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

A proof is provided in the Appendix.
Proposition 7.3: If the factors $p$ and $q$ are congruent to 1 modulo $n=p q$, and $b_{1} \neq b_{2}$
and

$$
\begin{align*}
& P\left(n, b_{1}\right)=M\left(n, b_{2}\right), \\
& M\left(n, b_{1}\right)=P\left(n, b_{2}\right) . \tag{7.6}
\end{align*}
$$

then
Example 7.1: Compute $P(3813809,1)=38500233$ and M(3813809,1)=3774993.
Hence, (7.5) implies that there is no reason to compute $P(3813809,2)$.

Instead, compute $P(n, 3)=3674789$. Since $P(n, 3)$ is the third distinct value, thus, (7.2) and (7.3) imply that $M(n, 3)$ is the forth distinct value. Indeed, $M(n, 3)=3955221$. Therefore, the algorithm requires only four basic steps instead of six. However, this acceleration does not work in 25\% of the cases. For instance, it does not works for $n=3858521$, since neither (7.2) nor (7.3) hold. Indeed, because

$$
P(3858521,1)=M(3858521,1),
$$

the computation of $M(3858521,3)$ provides no acceleration.

## 8. Dual Factorization Algorithm

It is assumed that $n \bmod 4=1$ and $P(n, 1) \neq n$, otherwise the algorithm is not applicable.

1) Compute $P(n, 1)$ and $M(n, 1)(7.1)$;

Table 7.1. Excerpts from Table 3.1.

| $N=3813809$ | $3850233 ; 1$ | $3774993 ; 2$ | $3674789 ; 3$ | $3955221 ; 11$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $N=3858521$ | $3996001 ; 1$ | $3652173 ; 3$ | $3717945 ; 4$ | $4067965 ; 17$ |

2) Case $P(n, 1) \neq M(n, 1)$ :
for $b=3,5,7,11, \ldots$ co-prime with $n$
compute $P(n, b)$ until $P\left(n, b_{*}\right) \neq M(n, 1)$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left(n, b_{*}\right) \neq P(n, 1) \tag{8.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

if $b$ that divides $n$ is found, then $p:=b ; q:=n / p$; $\{$ end of algorithm\};
else compute $M\left(n, b_{*}\right)$; \{all four distinct integers $A$, $Q, R$, and $U$ are found $\}$;
3) Let

$$
\begin{align*}
U & :=\min \left[P\left(n, b_{*}\right), M(n, 1), M\left(n, b_{*}\right), P(n, 1)\right]  \tag{8.3}\\
Q & :=\max \left[P\left(n, b_{*}\right), M(n, 1), M\left(n, b_{*}\right), P(n, 1)\right] \tag{8.4}
\end{align*}
$$

and let $A$ and $R$ be other two values,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{\text { i.e., } U<A<Q \text { and } U<R<Q\} \tag{8.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

4) Compute $S:=(Q-U-|A-R|) / 4$;
5) $\{$ Factors $\}: p:=\operatorname{gcd}(n, S) ; q:=n / p$; \{end of algorithm $\}$;
6) Case $P(n, 1)=M(n, 1)$ : for
$b=3,5,7,11, \ldots$ co-prime with $n$ compute $P(n, b)$ until four distinct integers $A, Q, R, U$, are found (2.2);
7) Let $U:=\min (A, Q, R, U) ; Q:=\max (A, Q, R, U)(2.4)$;
8) Compute $S:=(Q-U-|A-R|) / 4$ (2.5);
9) $\{$ Factors $\}: p:=\operatorname{gcd}(n, S) ; q:=n / p ;$ end of algorithm $\}$ (2.6).

For the sake of simplicity of notations,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { let } P_{k}:=P\left(n, b_{k}\right) \text { and } M_{k}:=M\left(n, b_{k}\right) \tag{8.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Example 8.1: For semi-prime $n=6525401$ the sets $S_{1}, S_{2}, S_{3}$ and $S_{4}$ are as follows:

$$
\begin{gather*}
S_{1}=\{b=2,5,13,23,37,59, \cdots ; U=6055665\} \\
S_{2}=\{b=3,19,47, \cdots ; A=6514053\} \\
S_{3}=\{b=\underline{43}, 53,67,83, \cdots ; R=6519205\} ;  \tag{8.9}\\
S_{4}=\{b=1,7,11,17,29,31,41, \cdots ; Q=7012681\}
\end{gather*}
$$

Therefore, the algorithm (2.1)-(2.6) requires at least fifteen basic steps, because 43 is the fourteenth prime (8.9). Yet, $P_{1} \neq P_{2}$; and $P_{2}=M_{1}$; imply that for every $k \geq 1 \quad P_{k} \neq M_{k} \quad$ (7.2)-(7.4).

Hence, instead of counting points

$$
P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}, P_{5}, P_{7}, \ldots, P_{43}
$$

in fifteen elliptic curves, compute

$$
M_{3}=6519205
$$

Thus, the algorithm (8.1-7) requires only four basic steps instead of fifteen.

Proposition 8.1: Let $P_{1} \neq P_{2}$; and suppose
that there is $k>2$ for which $P_{k} \neq\left\{P_{1}, P_{2}, \cdots, P_{k-1}\right\}$
then

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{k} \neq\left\{P_{1}, P_{2}, . ., P_{k-1}, P_{k}\right\} \tag{8.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof: Let assume that $M_{k}=P_{j}=P_{i}$,
where $3 \leq j \leq k-1$ and $i=1$ or $i=2$.
Therefore, $P_{k}=M_{j}=M_{i}=P_{3-i}$ (7.5)-(7.6). However, this contradicts with the assumption (8.10). Q.E.D.

## 9. Conclusions

An algorithm and its generalizations for the integer factorization are proposed. These algorithms are as computationally efficient as an algorithm that counts points on elliptic curves (1.3). Numerous computer experiments demonstrate that, if $P(n, b)$ is computed for sequential values of prime $b$, then on average there are four distinct values among the first six ones.

The SQUAR-algorithm (2.1)-(2.6) and its enhanced modification (8.1)-(8.7) described above is based on Conjecture 4.1 and its generalization \{Conjecture 5.1\}. Although an analogous algorithm can be designed on the basis of Conjecture 5.2, such an algorithm is computationally less efficient since it is a time-consuming procedure to find a $Q N R$ modulo $n$.

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## Appendix

## A1: Integer factorization of "larger" $\boldsymbol{n}$

Suppose that $n=5,912,473,983,049,810,121,582,491,435,559,753$.

1. Compute four distinct values $A, Q, R$, and $U$ \{see (2.2) and Table A.1\}, where $Q>\max (A, R)>\min (A, R)>U$;
2. Reduce $Q:=Q \bmod 10^{28} ; A:=A \bmod 10^{28} ; R:=R \bmod 10^{28} ; U:=U \bmod 10^{28}$;
3. $S:=(Q-U-|A-R|) / 4$;
4. $p=\operatorname{gcd}(n, S)=59,604,644,783,353,249$;
5. $q=n / p=99,194,853,094,755,497$.

Table A.1. Values of $A, Q, R, U$ and $S$.

| Outputs | Number of Points on Elliptic Curves and $\boldsymbol{S}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $A$ | $5,912,473,961,382,574,071,288,527,255,437,165$ |
| $Q$ | $5,912,474,044,194,428,121,806,637,304,594,777$ |
| $R$ | $5,912,474,004,717,045,895,410,530,286,258,045$ |
| $U$ | $5,912,473,921,905,192,397,824,270,895,949,025$ |
| $S$ | $19,738,690,974,965,090,844,456,218$ |

## A2: Proof of Proposition 7.2

Consider two elliptic curves for an integer positive $m$ :
ECP: $y^{2}=x\left(x^{2}+2^{m+1}\right)(\bmod p)$;
ECN: $Y^{2}=X\left(X^{2}-2^{m-1}\right)(\bmod p)$.
Let us show that there exist such integers $u$ and $w$ that substitutions

$$
\begin{equation*}
x:=u X \bmod p ; \text { and } y:=w Y \bmod p \tag{A.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

establish an one-to-one correspondence between points of $E C P$ and $E C N$ for every integer $m$. First of all, from (A.1) we derive

$$
\begin{equation*}
w^{2} Y^{2}=u X\left(u^{2} X^{2}+2^{m+1}\right)(\bmod p) \tag{A.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us select integers $u$ and $w$, each co-prime with $p$, for which hold $w^{2}=u^{3}(\bmod p)$;
and $4 u=-u^{3}(\bmod p)$; or $u^{2}=-4(\bmod p)$.
If integer solutions of (A.5) and (A.6) exist, then after cancellation of equal terms in both sides of (A.4) we derive (A.2).
Therefore, from (A.6) $\quad u=2 \sqrt{p-1}(\bmod p)$;
and from (A.5)

$$
\begin{equation*}
w=\sqrt{u}^{3}(\bmod p) \tag{A.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Integer $u$ exists if $p \bmod 4=1$; since $(p-1) / 2$ is even.
Therefore, $(-1)^{(p-1) / 2} \bmod p=1$, i.e., $p-1$ is a QR .
On the other hand, integer $w$ also exists, because $u$ itself is QR modulo $p$.

Indeed,

$$
\begin{equation*}
[2 \sqrt{p-1}]^{(p-1) / 2} \equiv 2^{(p-1) / 2} \times \sqrt{p-1}^{(p-1) / 2} \bmod p=1 \tag{A.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

since, as it shown in Table A.2, both 2 and $\sqrt{p-1}$ are simultaneously either QR or QNR modulo $p$.
Q.E.D.

Table A.2. Parity of quadratic residuosities of 2 and $\sqrt{p-1}$.

| $p \bmod 8$ | $p \bmod 8=1$ | $p \bmod 8=5$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | QR | QNR |
| $\sqrt{p-1}$ | QR | QNR |

ExampleA1: Let $p=13$; find $u$ and $w$, such that $w^{2}=u^{3}(\bmod 13)$;
and $u^{2}=9(\bmod 13)$, i.e., $u=3$.
Then $w^{2}=u^{3}=27(\bmod 13)=1$.
Therefore $w= \pm 1$ and $u=3$. Indeed, $1^{2} \equiv 3^{3}(\bmod 13) ; 3^{3} \equiv-4 \times 3(\bmod 13)$.
Therefore, $E C P \stackrel{x=3 X ; y=Y(\bmod 13)}{\longleftrightarrow} E C N$.
Table A. 3 shows one-to-one correspondence between ECP and ECN
Table A.3. Correspondence between ( $x, y$ ) and ( $X, Y$ ).

| $E C P$ | $(0,0)$ | $(3,0)$ | $(10,0)$ | $(2,4)$ | $(2,9)$ | $(11,6)$ | $(11,7)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $E C N$ | $(0,0)$ | $(1,0)$ | $(12,0)$ | $(5,4)$ | $(5,9)$ | $(8,6)$ | $(8,7)$ |

ExampleA2: Let $p=41$; find $u$ and $w$, such that $w^{2}=u^{3}(\bmod 41)$;
and $u^{2}=-4 \equiv 37(\bmod 41)$, i.e., $u= \pm 18$.
Then $w^{2}=u^{3}= \pm 5832 \equiv \pm 10(\bmod 41)$,
where both 10 and 31 are QR modulo 41. Therefore $w=16$; and $u=18$. Indeed,
$16^{2} \equiv 18^{3}(\bmod 41) ; 18^{3} \equiv-4 \times 18(\bmod 41)$. Thus, $E C P \stackrel{x=18 x ; y=16 Y(\bmod 41)}{\longleftrightarrow} E C N$.
Table A. 4 shows one-to-one correspondence between points on ECP and ECN for several non-Blum primes.
Table A.4. $(u, w)$ as function of $\boldsymbol{p}$.

| $\boldsymbol{p}$ | 13 | 29 | 37 | 41 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{w})$ | $(3, \pm 1)$ | $(5, \pm 3)$ | $(12, \pm 10)$ | $(18, \pm 16)$ |


[^0]:    *Dedicated to the memory of my mother Alla L. Verkhovsky.

