

Elliptic Curves - List 5

Task 1 (15 pts) Implement the Lim-Lee "fast exponentiation with precomputations" method on elliptic curves. Use NIST P-521 curve to demonstrate the solution <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/FIPS/NIST.FIPS.186-4.pdf>. The solution should contain three parts:

- (a) The first part that for given bitlength ℓ of the scalar and given storage bound S (S is the maximum number of precomputed group elements allowed to be stored in memory) finds the optimal parameters a, b of the last version of the Lim-Lee algorithm discussed during the lecture¹. Optimal a, b will minimize the number of online operations on elliptic curve points and will not exceed the storage bound.
- (b) The second part that for given (ℓ, S, a, b) and given domain parameters (including the base-point G) pre-computes multiples of the base-point G that will be used by the third part of the solution.
- (c) The third part that for given scalar e and pre-computed points finds the value $e \cdot G$.

Present the solution both for $S = 100$ and $S = 5000$. Show how many EC-point operations are needed online for both values of S .

¹that is, the version from the paper: Biljana Cubaleska, Andreas Rieke, Thomas Hermann *Improving and Extending the Lim/Lee Exponentiation Algorithm*. Selected Areas in Cryptography 1999: 163-174