

# Supersingular Isogeny Graphs (in PARI/GP)

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# Elliptic curves

- $E$  is an elliptic curve over a field  $K$
- $\text{End}_{\overline{K}}(E) \cong$ 
  - An order in an imaginary quadratic field
  - or, a maximal order in  $B_{p,\infty}$  ( $p = \text{char}(K)$  necessarily).
- The second case is *supersingular* (ssl).

# Supersingular elliptic curves

- Over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ , all ssl EC's are defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$
- Isomorphism classes are parametrized by their  $j$ -invariant, in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$
- $\approx \frac{p}{12}$  supersingular isomorphism classes.

# $\ell$ -isogeny graph

Fix prime  $p$  and (prime)  $\ell$ , and make a graph:

- Vertices: isomorphism classes of  $p$ -isocyclic EC's, labelled by their  $j$ -invariant
- Edges: draw an edge if there exists a degree  $\ell$  isogeny between the two curves.
- Often directed: fix representatives, an isogeny is defined up to post-composition by an automorphism (only affects  $j = 0, 1728$ ).

# Properties of $\ell$ -isogeny graph

- $\ell + 1$ -regular if  $\ell$  prime
- Connected
- Ramanujan graph
- Leads to cryptography systems via random walks

# How to compute it?

One approach: modular polynomials

- Let  $\phi_N(x, y)$  be the  $N^{\text{th}}$  modular polynomial
- Let  $j \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  be supersingular
- For  $y \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ ,  $\phi_N(j, y) = 0$  iff  $y$  is a ssl  $j$ -invariant that is  $N$ -isogenous to  $j$

# General algorithm

- Load the  $N^{\text{th}}$  modular polynomial, reduce modulo  $p$
- Compute one ssl  $j$ -invariant
- Plug it into  $\phi_N$ , factor over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ , repeat!

# Modular polynomials

- In PARI/GP for prime level with `polmodular` (computed on the fly)
- Also available from Drew Sutherland's website,  $N \leq 400$  and prime  $N \leq 1000$
- Save to file, small amount of processing to make it gp-readable with `readvec`

# One $j$ -invariant

- Find a prime  $q$  with  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $\left(\frac{-q}{p}\right) = -1$  (forprime)
- Find Hilbert class polynomial for  $-q$  (polclass)
- Find a root in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  (FFX\_roots)

# Making the graph

- Depth first search
- Store found  $j$ -invariants in a vector, edges in `vecsmalls`
- Track the  $j$ -invariants with a hashtable (`hash_init_GEN`, etc.)
- Find the new  $j$ -invariants with finite field methods (`FFX_factor`, etc.)

# Comparison to Sage

- Same general algorithm is implemented in SageMath
- Restricts to  $\ell$  prime and is very slow, but also handles the non-supersingular case
- I also provide code to easily call the method from Sage

$\ell$	Approximate speedup from <code>E.isogeny_ell_graph</code>
2	67
3	107
5	211
7	217

**Table 1:** Timings from PARI/GP 2.16.1 and SageMath 10.2. Average factor of improvement for 20 primes between 100 and 3000.

# Comments

- Sage integration: `gen_to_sage` is VERY slow
- `pari(code)` is significantly faster
- Sage integration relies on `ffgen(p^2)` always outputting the same generator

<https://github.com/JamesRickards-Canada/Isogeny>