

High-speed cryptography,  
part 2:

more elliptic-curve formulas;  
field arithmetic

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# Speed-oriented Jacobian standards

2000 IEEE “Std 1363”

uses Weierstrass curves

in Jacobian coordinates

to “provide the fastest arithmetic on elliptic curves.”

Also specifies a method of

choosing curves  $y^2 = x^3 - 3x + b$ .

2000 NIST “FIPS 186-2”

standardizes five such curves.

2005 NSA “Suite B” recommends

two of the NIST curves as

the only public-key cryptosystems

for U.S. government use.

## Projective for Weierstrass

1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

Speed up ADD by switching from  $(X/Z^2, Y/Z^3)$  to  $(X/Z, Y/Z)$ .

**7M + 3S** for DBL if  $a = -3$ .

**12M + 2S** for ADD.

**12M + 2S** for reADD.

Option has been mostly ignored:

DBL dominates in ECDH etc.

But ADD dominates in

some applications: e.g.,

batch signature verification.

# Montgomery curves

1987 Montgomery:

Use  $by^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$ .

Choose small  $(a + 2)/4$ .

$$2(x_2, y_2) = (x_4, y_4)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_4 = \frac{(x_2^2 - 1)^2}{4x_2(x_2^2 + ax_2 + 1)}.$$

$$(x_3, y_3) - (x_2, y_2) = (x_1, y_1),$$

$$(x_3, y_3) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_5, y_5)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_5 = \frac{(x_2x_3 - 1)^2}{x_1(x_2 - x_3)^2}.$$

Represent  $(x, y)$

as  $(X:Z)$  satisfying  $x = X/Z$ .

$$B = (X_2 + Z_2)^2,$$

$$C = (X_2 - Z_2)^2,$$

$$D = B - C, \quad X_4 = B \cdot C,$$

$$Z_4 = D \cdot (C + D(a + 2)/4) \Rightarrow$$

$$2(X_2:Z_2) = (X_4:Z_4).$$

$$(X_3:Z_3) - (X_2:Z_2) = (X_1:Z_1),$$

$$E = (X_3 - Z_3) \cdot (X_2 + Z_2),$$

$$F = (X_3 + Z_3) \cdot (X_2 - Z_2),$$

$$X_5 = Z_1 \cdot (E + F)^2,$$

$$Z_5 = X_1 \cdot (E - F)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$(X_3:Z_3) + (X_2:Z_2) = (X_5:Z_5).$$

This representation  
does not allow ADD but it allows  
DADD, “differential addition”:

$$Q, R, Q - R \mapsto Q + R.$$

e.g.  $2P, P, P \mapsto 3P.$

e.g.  $3P, 2P, P \mapsto 5P.$

e.g.  $6P, 5P, P \mapsto 11P.$

$$2\mathbf{M} + 2\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D} \text{ for DBL.}$$

$$4\mathbf{M} + 2\mathbf{S} \text{ for DADD.}$$

Save  $1\mathbf{M}$  if  $Z_1 = 1.$

Easily compute  $n(X_1 : Z_1)$  using  
 $\approx \lg n$  DBL,  $\approx \lg n$  DADD.

Almost as fast as Edwards  $nP.$

Relatively slow for  $mP + nQ$  etc.

## Doubling-oriented curves

2006 Doche–Icart–Kohel:

Use  $y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + 16ax$ .

Choose small  $a$ .

Use  $(X : Y : Z : Z^2)$

to represent  $(X/Z, Y/Z^2)$ .

**3M + 4S + 2D** for DBL.

How? Factor DBL as  $\hat{\varphi}(\varphi)$

where  $\varphi$  is a 2-isogeny.

2007 Bernstein–Lange:

**2M + 5S + 2D** for DBL

on the same curves.

**12M + 5S + 1D** for ADD.

Slower ADD than other systems,  
typically outweighing benefit  
of the very fast DBL.

But isogenies are useful.

Example, 2005 Gaudry:

fast DBL+DADD on Jacobians of  
genus-2 hyperelliptic curves,  
using similar factorization.

Tricky but potentially helpful:

tripling-oriented curves

(see 2006 Doche–Icart–Kohel),

double-base chains, . . .



## Hessian curves

Credited to Sylvester

by 1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

$(X : Y : Z)$  represent  $(X/Z, Y/Z)$   
on  $x^3 + y^3 + 1 = 3dxy$ .

**12M** for ADD:

$$X_3 = Y_1 X_2 \cdot Y_1 Z_2 - Z_1 Y_2 \cdot X_1 Y_2,$$

$$Y_3 = X_1 Z_2 \cdot X_1 Y_2 - Y_1 X_2 \cdot Z_1 X_2,$$

$$Z_3 = Z_1 Y_2 \cdot Z_1 X_2 - X_1 Z_2 \cdot Y_1 Z_2.$$

**6M + 3S** for DBL.

2001 Joye–Quisquater:

$$2(X_1 : Y_1 : Z_1) =$$

$$(Z_1 : X_1 : Y_1) + (Y_1 : Z_1 : X_1)$$

so can use ADD to double.

“Unified addition formulas,”

helpful against side channels.

But need to permute inputs.

2009 Bernstein–Kohel–Lange:

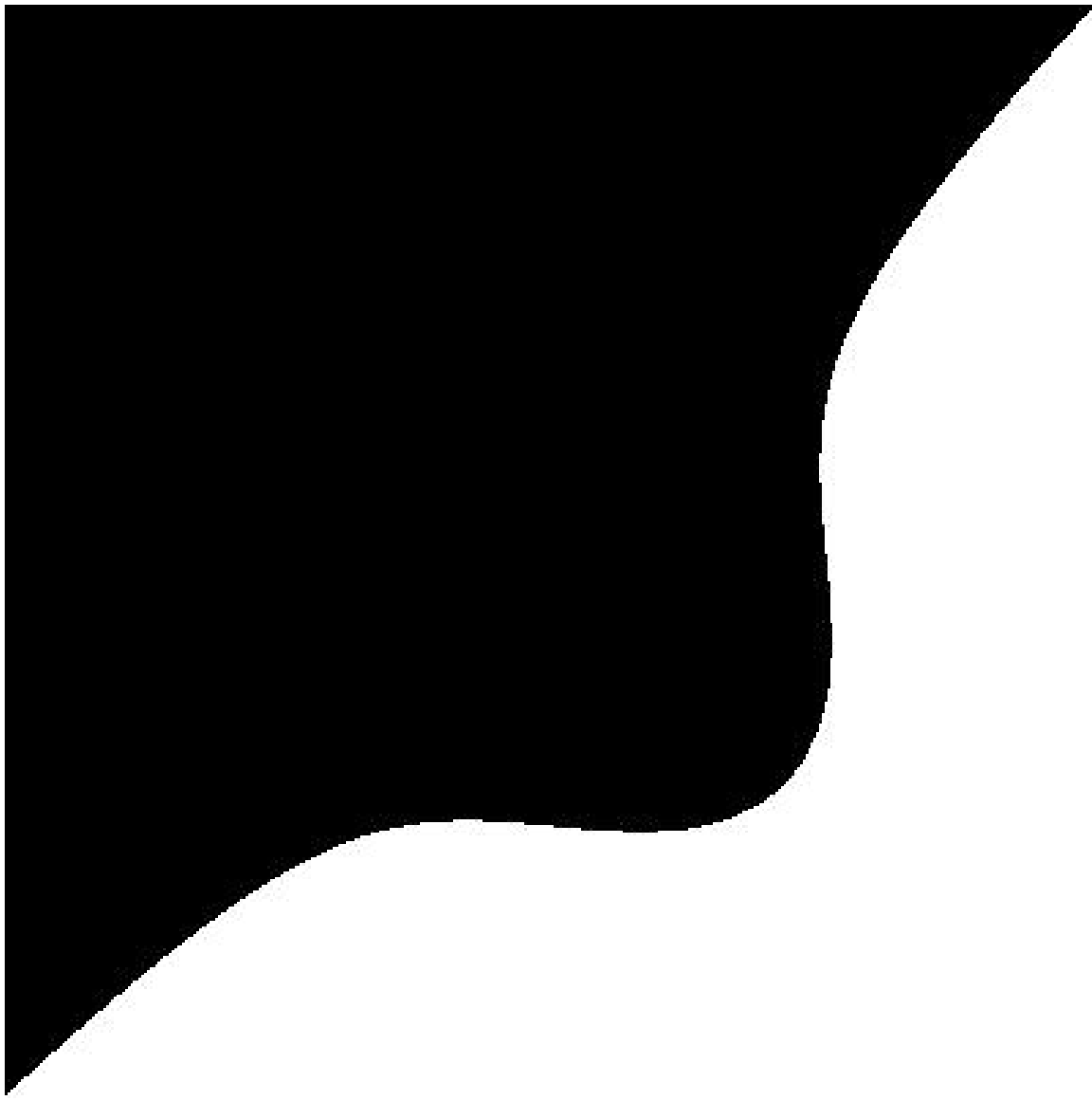
Easily avoid permutation!

2008 Hisil–Wong–Carter–Dawson:

$$(X : Y : Z : X^2 : Y^2 : Z^2 \\ : 2XY : 2XZ : 2YZ).$$

**6M** + **6S** for ADD.

**3M** + **6S** for DBL.



$$x^3 - y^3 + 1 = 0.3xy$$

The Hessian-ray: uniform



but  
not strongly so

## Jacobi intersections

1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

$(S : C : D : Z)$  represent

$(S/Z, C/Z, D/Z)$  on

$$s^2 + c^2 = 1, \quad as^2 + d^2 = 1.$$

**14M + 2S + 1D** for ADD.

“Tremendous advantage”  
of being strongly unified.

**5M + 3S** for DBL.

“Perhaps (?) . . . the most  
efficient duplication formulas  
which do not depend on the  
coefficients of an elliptic curve.”

2001 Liardet–Smart:

$13\mathbf{M} + 2\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$  for ADD.

$4\mathbf{M} + 3\mathbf{S}$  for DBL.

2007 Bernstein–Lange:

$3\mathbf{M} + 4\mathbf{S}$  for DBL.

2008 Hisil–Wong–Carter–Dawson:

$13\mathbf{M} + 1\mathbf{S} + 2\mathbf{D}$  for ADD.

$2\mathbf{M} + 5\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$  for DBL.

Also ( $S : C : D : Z : SC : DZ$ ):

$11\mathbf{M} + 1\mathbf{S} + 2\mathbf{D}$  for ADD.

$2\mathbf{M} + 5\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$  for DBL.

## Jacobi quartics

$(X:Y:Z)$  represent  $(X/Z, Y/Z^2)$   
on  $y^2 = x^4 + 2ax^2 + 1$ .

1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

**3M + 6S + 2D** for DBL.

Slow ADD.

2002 Billet–Joye:

New choice of neutral element.

**10M + 3S + 1D** for ADD,

strongly unified.

2007 Bernstein–Lange:

**1M + 9S + 1D** for DBL.

2007 Hisil–Carter–Dawson:

$2\mathbf{M} + 6\mathbf{S} + 2\mathbf{D}$  for DBL.

2007 Feng–Wu:

$2\mathbf{M} + 6\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$  for DBL.

$1\mathbf{M} + 7\mathbf{S} + 3\mathbf{D}$  for DBL

on curves chosen with  $a^2 + c^2 = 1$ .

More speedups: 2007 Duquesne,

2007 Hisil–Carter–Dawson,

2008 Hisil–Wong–Carter–Dawson:

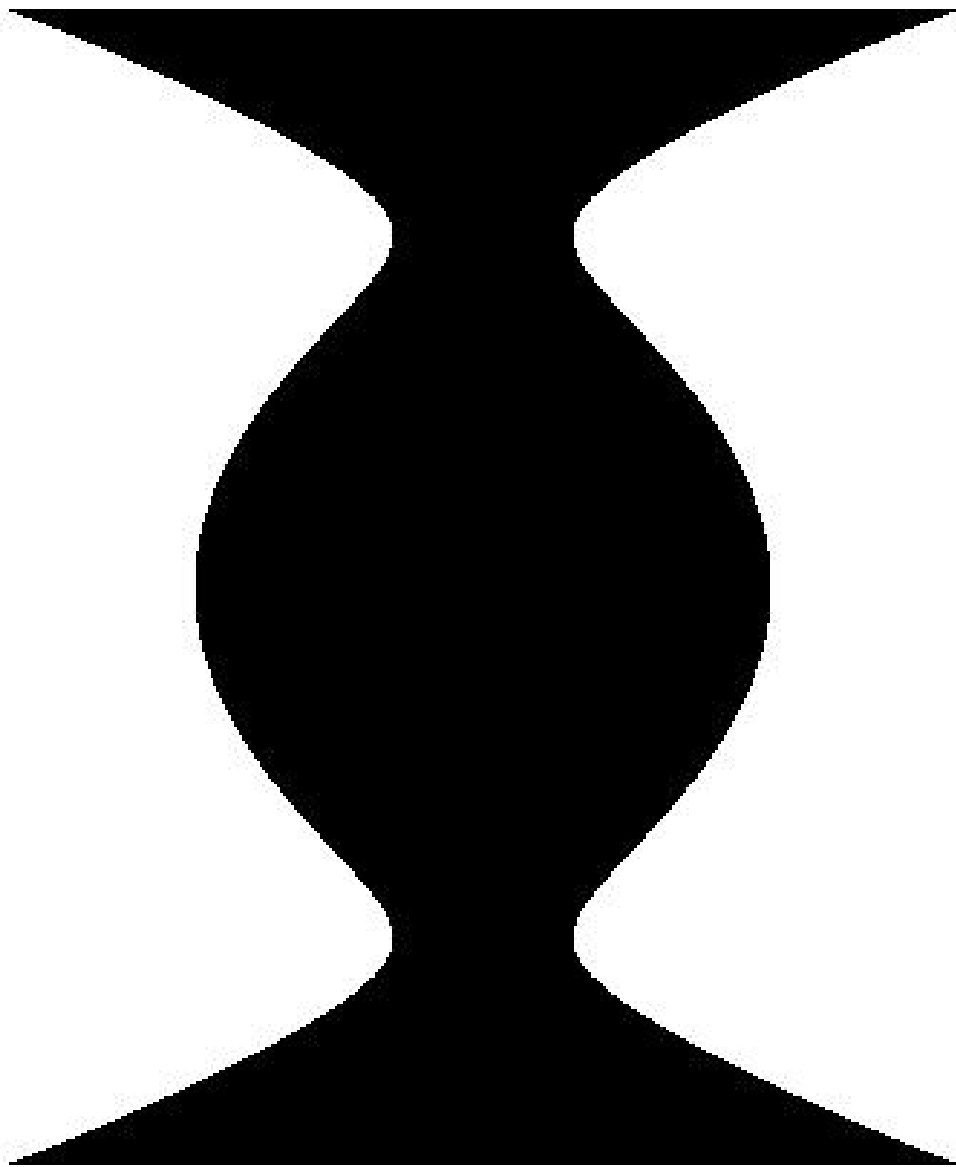
use  $(X : Y : Z : X^2 : Z^2)$

or  $(X : Y : Z : X^2 : Z^2 : 2XZ)$ .

Can combine with Feng–Wu.

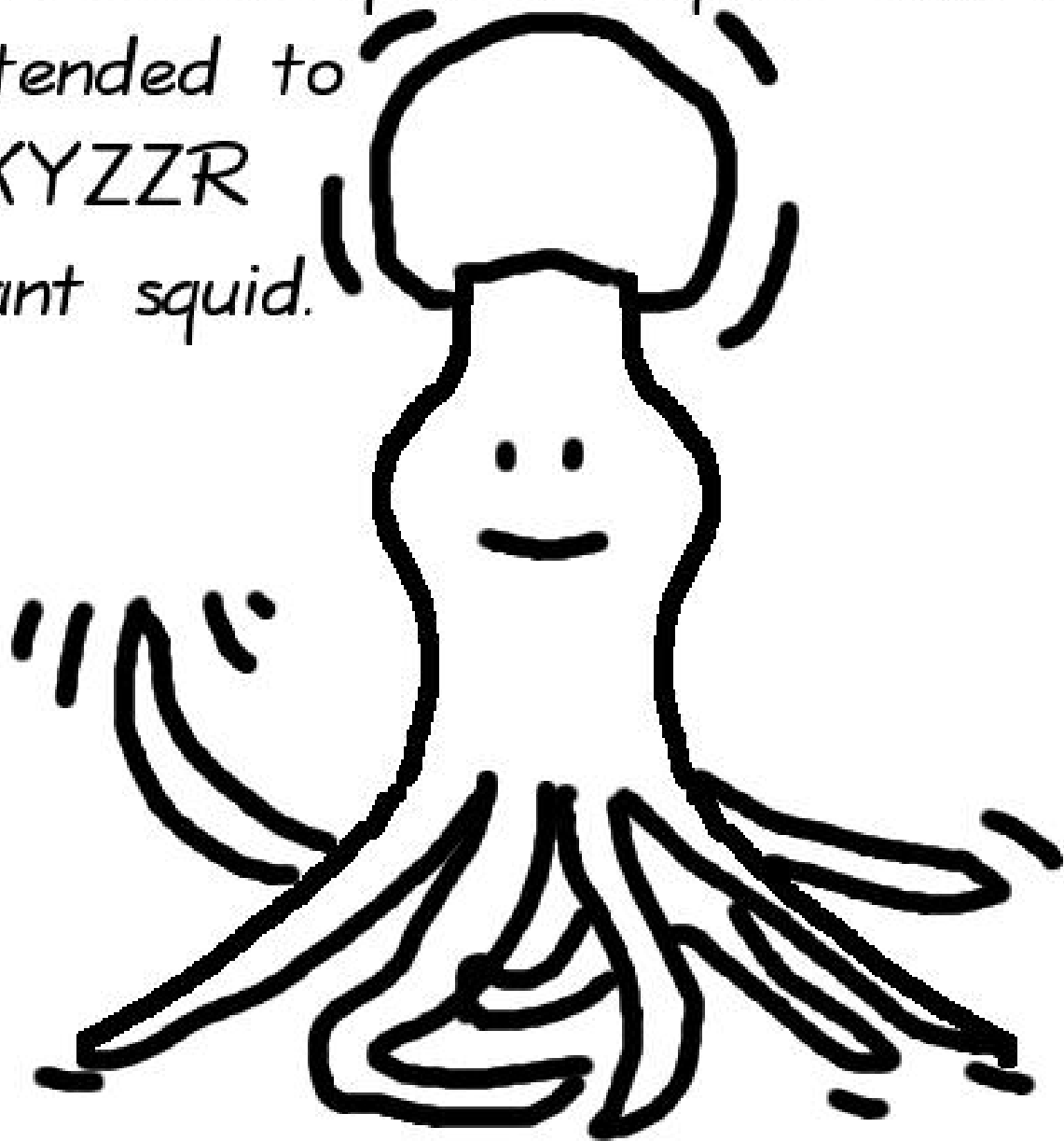
Competitive with Edwards!





$$x^2 = y^4 - 1.9y^2 + 1$$

The Jacobi-quartic squid: can be  
extended to  
 $XXYZZR$   
giant squid.



START



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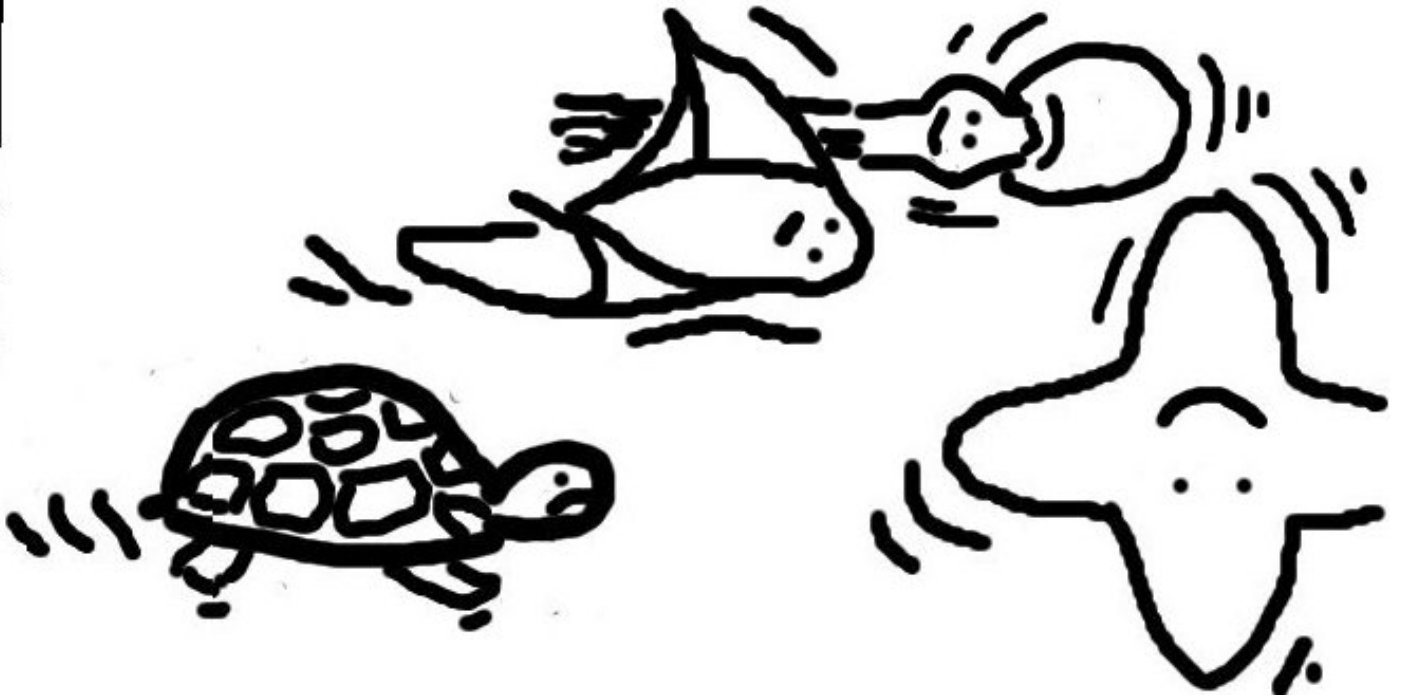
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## More addition formulas

Explicit-Formulas Database:

[hyperelliptic.org/EFD](http://hyperelliptic.org/EFD)

EFD has 583 computer-verified formulas and operation counts for ADD, DBL, etc.

in 51 representations

on 13 shapes of elliptic curves.

Not yet handled by computer:

generality of curve shapes

(e.g., Hessian order  $\in 3\mathbf{Z}$ );

complete addition algorithms

(e.g., checking for  $\infty$ ).



## How to multiply big integers

Standard idea: Use polynomial with coefficients in  $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$  to represent integer in radix 10.

Example of representation:

$$839 = 8 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 9 \cdot 10^0 =$$

value (at  $t = 10$ ) of polynomial

$$8t^2 + 3t^1 + 9t^0.$$

Convenient to express polynomial inside computer as array  $9, 3, 8$

(or  $9, 3, 8, 0$  or  $9, 3, 8, 0, 0$  or  $\dots$ ):

“ $p[0] = 9; p[1] = 3; p[2] = 8$ ”

Multiply two integers  
by multiplying polynomials  
that represent the integers.

Polynomial multiplication  
involves *small* integer coefficients.  
Have split one big multiplication  
into many small operations.

Example, squaring 839:

$$(8t^2 + 3t^1 + 9t^0)^2 = 64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 54t^1 + 81t^0.$$

Oops, product polynomial usually has coefficients  $> 9$ .

So “carry” extra digits:

$$ct^j \rightarrow \lfloor c/10 \rfloor t^{j+1} + (c \bmod 10)t^j.$$

Example, squaring 839:

$$64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 54t^1 + 81t^0;$$

$$64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 62t^1 + 1t^0;$$

$$64t^4 + 48t^3 + 159t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0;$$

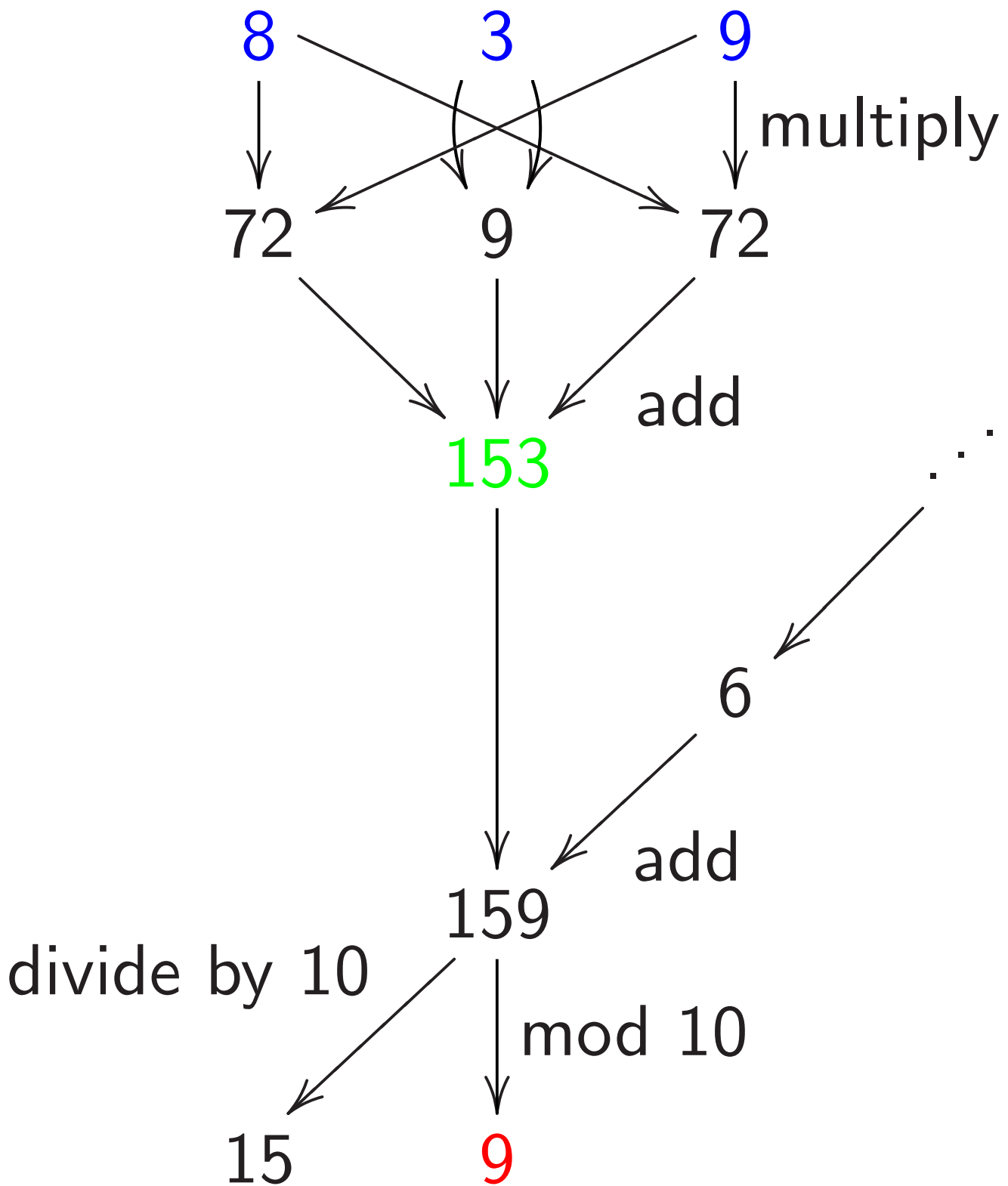
$$64t^4 + 63t^3 + 9t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0;$$

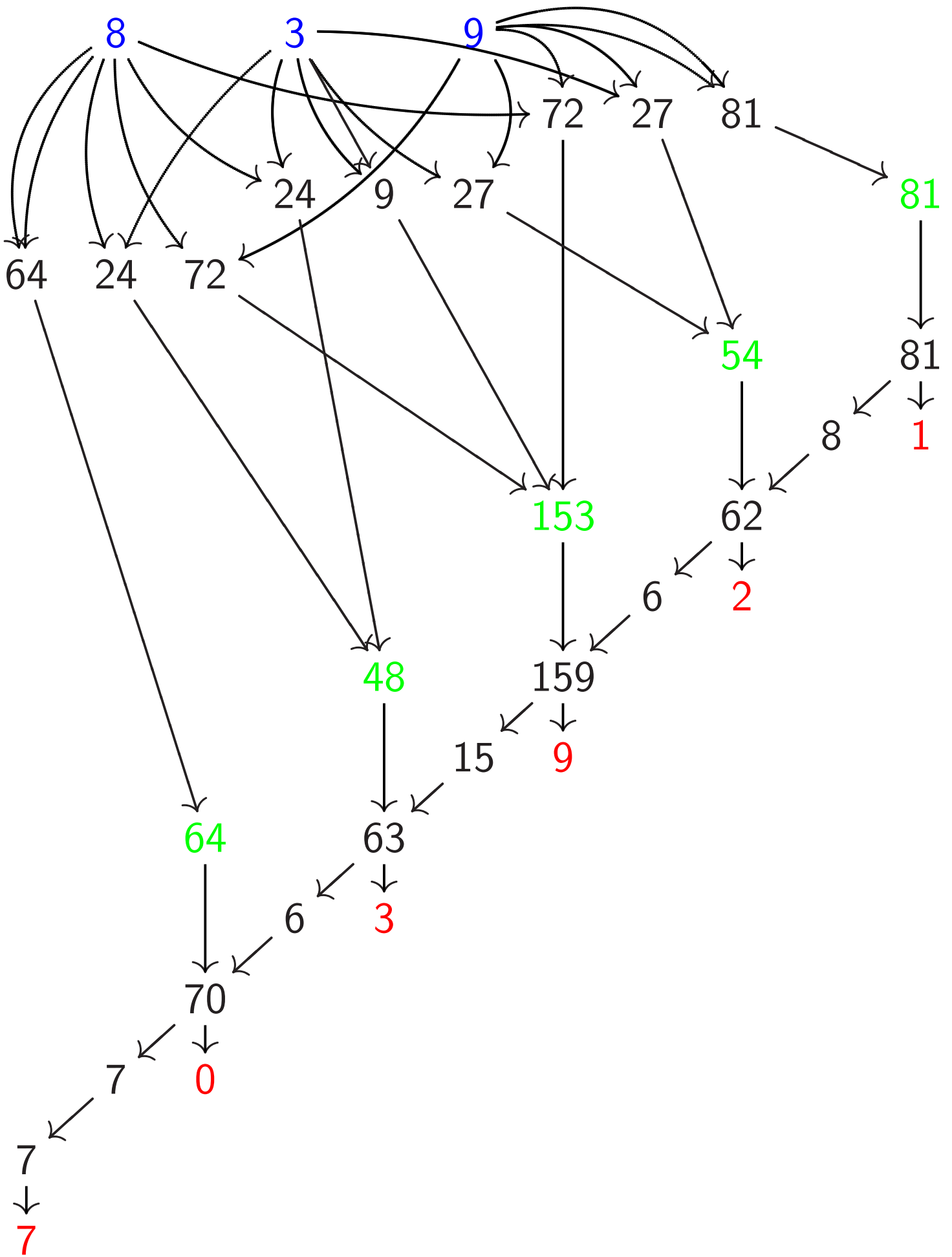
$$70t^4 + 3t^3 + 9t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0;$$

$$7t^5 + 0t^4 + 3t^3 + 9t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0.$$

In other words,  $839^2 = 703921$ .

What operations were used here?





## The scaled variation

$$839 = 800 + 30 + 9 =$$

value (at  $t = 1$ ) of polynomial

$$800t^2 + 30t^1 + 9t^0.$$

Squaring:  $(800t^2 + 30t^1 + 9t^0)^2 =$

$$640000t^4 + 480000t^3 + 153000t^2 + 54000t^1 + 81t^0.$$

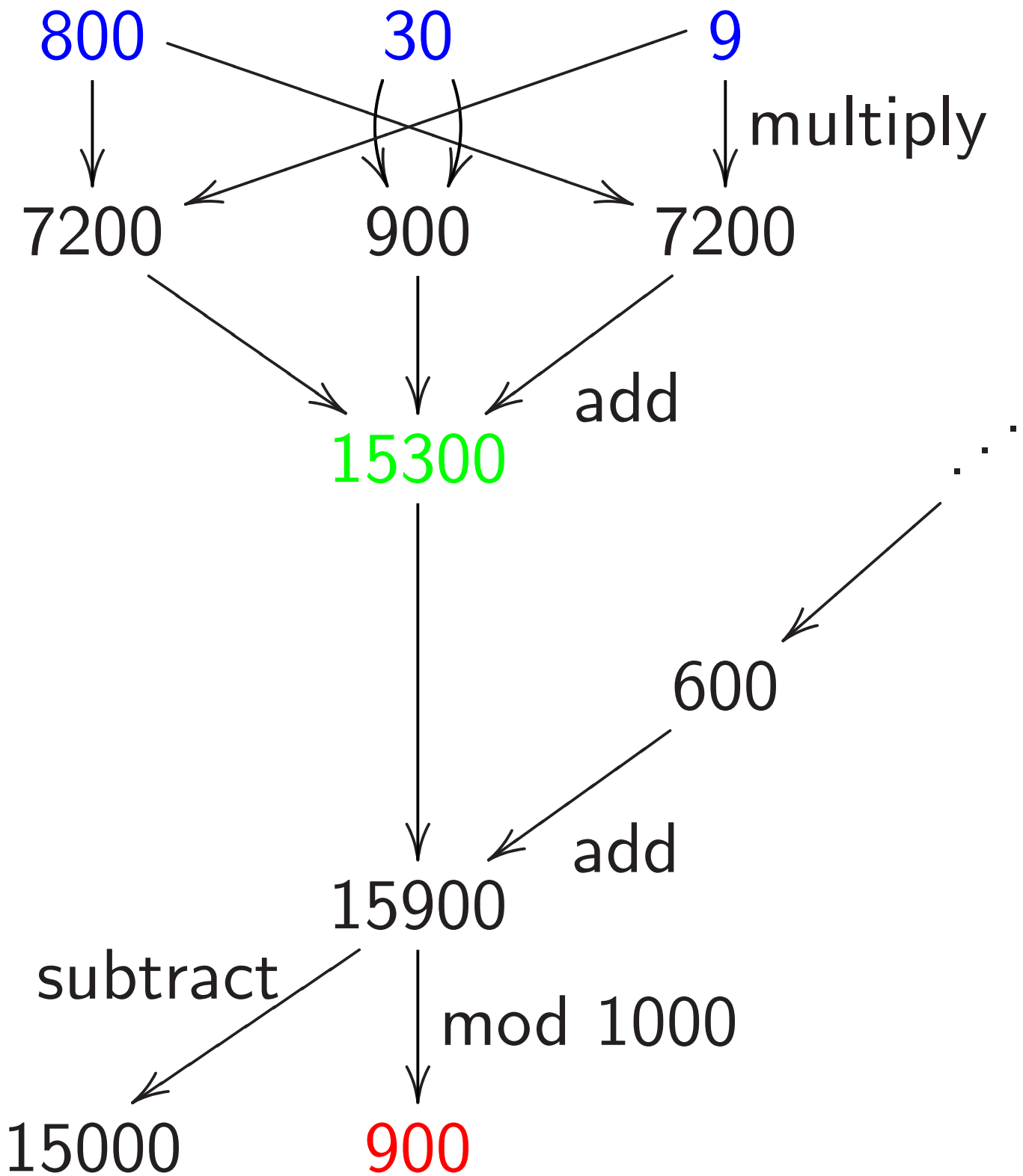
Carrying:

$$640000t^4 + 480000t^3 + 153000t^2 + 54000t^1 + 81t^0;$$

$$640000t^4 + 480000t^3 + 153000t^2 + 62000t^1 + 1t^0; \quad \dots$$

$$7000000t^5 + 0t^4 + 300000t^3 + 90000t^2 + 20000t^1 + 1t^0.$$

What operations were used here?



## Speedup: double inside squaring

$$(\dots + f_2 t^2 + f_1 t^1 + f_0 t^0)^2$$

has coefficients such as

$$f_4 f_0 + f_3 f_1 + f_2 f_2 + f_1 f_3 + f_0 f_4.$$

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5 mults, 4 adds.

Compute more efficiently as

$$2f_4 f_0 + 2f_3 f_1 + f_2 f_2.$$

3 mults, 2 adds, 2 doublings.

Save  $\approx 1/2$  of the mults

if there are many coefficients.

Faster alternative:

$$2(f_4 f_0 + f_3 f_1) + f_2 f_2.$$

3 mults, 2 adds, 1 doubling.

Save  $\approx 1/2$  of the adds

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$$2(f_4 f_0 + f_3 f_1) + f_2 f_2.$$

3 mults, 2 adds, 1 doubling.

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if there are many coefficients.

Even faster alternative:

$$(2f_0)f_4 + (2f_1)f_3 + f_2 f_2,$$

after precomputing  $2f_0, 2f_1, \dots$

3 mults, 2 adds, 0 doublings.

Precomputation  $\approx 0.5$  doublings.

## Speedup: allow negative coeffs

Recall  $159 \mapsto 15, 9$ .

Scaled:  $15900 \mapsto 15000, 900$ .

Alternative:  $159 \mapsto 16, -1$ .

Scaled:  $15900 \mapsto 16000, -100$ .

Use digits  $\{-5, -4, \dots, 4, 5\}$   
instead of  $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ .

Small disadvantage: need  $-$ .

Several small advantages:

easily handle negative integers;

easily handle subtraction;

reduce products a bit.

## Speedup: delay carries

Computing (e.g.) big  $ab + c^2$ :  
multiply  $a, b$  polynomials, carry,  
square  $c$  poly, carry, add, carry.

e.g.  $a = 314, b = 271, c = 839$ :

$$(3t^2 + 1t^1 + 4t^0)(2t^2 + 7t^1 + 1t^0) = 6t^4 + 23t^3 + 18t^2 + 29t^1 + 4t^0;$$

$$\text{carry: } 8t^4 + 5t^3 + 0t^2 + 9t^1 + 4t^0.$$

$$\text{As before } (8t^2 + 3t^1 + 9t^0)^2 = 64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 54t^1 + 81t^0;$$

$$7t^5 + 0t^4 + 3t^3 + 9t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0.$$

$$+ : 7t^5 + 8t^4 + 8t^3 + 9t^2 + 11t^1 + 5t^0;$$

$$7t^5 + 8t^4 + 9t^3 + 0t^2 + 1t^1 + 5t^0.$$

Faster: multiply  $a, b$  polynomials, square  $c$  polynomial, add, carry.

$$\begin{aligned} & (6t^4 + 23t^3 + 18t^2 + 29t^1 + 4t^0) + \\ & (64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 54t^1 + 81t^0) \\ & = 70t^4 + 71t^3 + 171t^2 + 83t^1 + 85t^0; \\ & 7t^5 + 8t^4 + 9t^3 + 0t^2 + 1t^1 + 5t^0. \end{aligned}$$

Eliminate intermediate carries.

Outweighs cost of handling slightly larger coefficients.

Important to carry between multiplications (and squarings) to reduce coefficient size; but carries are usually a bad idea before additions, subtractions, etc.

## Speedup: polynomial Karatsuba

How much work to multiply polys

$$f = f_0 + f_1t + \cdots + f_{19}t^{19},$$

$$g = g_0 + g_1t + \cdots + g_{19}t^{19}?$$

Using the obvious method:

400 coeff mults, 361 coeff adds.

Faster: Write  $f$  as  $F_0 + F_1t^{10}$ ;

$$F_0 = f_0 + f_1t + \cdots + f_9t^9;$$

$$F_1 = f_{10} + f_{11}t + \cdots + f_{19}t^9.$$

Similarly write  $g$  as  $G_0 + G_1t^{10}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } fg &= (F_0 + F_1)(G_0 + G_1)t^{10} \\ &+ (F_0G_0 - F_1G_1t^{10})(1 - t^{10}). \end{aligned}$$

20 adds for  $F_0 + F_1, G_0 + G_1$ .

300 mults for three products

$F_0G_0, F_1G_1, (F_0 + F_1)(G_0 + G_1)$ .

243 adds for those products.

9 adds for  $F_0G_0 - F_1G_1t^{10}$

with subs counted as adds

and with delayed negations.

19 adds for  $\dots (1 - t^{10})$ .

19 adds to finish.

Total 300 mults, 310 adds.

Larger coefficients, slight expense;  
still saves time.

Can apply idea recursively  
as poly degree grows.



Many other algebraic speedups  
in polynomial multiplication:  
“Toom,” “FFT,” etc.

Increasingly important as  
polynomial degree grows.

$O(n \lg n \lg \lg n)$  coeff operations  
to compute  $n$ -coeff product.

Useful for sizes of  $n$   
that occur in cryptography?

In some cases, yes!

But Karatsuba is the limit  
for prime-field ECC/ECDLP  
on most current CPUs.

## Modular reduction

How to compute  $f \bmod p$ ?

Can use definition:

$$f \bmod p = f - p \lfloor f/p \rfloor.$$

Can multiply  $f$  by a  
precomputed  $1/p$  approximation;  
easily adjust to obtain  $\lfloor f/p \rfloor$ .

Slight speedup: “2-adic inverse”;  
“Montgomery reduction.”

e.g.  $314159265358 \bmod 271828$ :

Precompute

$$\lfloor 1000000000000 / 271828 \rfloor$$

$$= 3678796.$$

Compute

$$314159 \cdot 3678796$$

$$= 1155726872564.$$

Compute

$$314159265358 - 1155726 \cdot 271828$$

$$= 578230.$$

Oops, too big:

$$578230 - 271828 = 306402.$$

$$306402 - 271828 = 34574.$$

We can do better: normally  $p$  is chosen with a special form to make  $f \bmod p$  much faster.

Special primes hurt security for  $\mathbf{F}_p^*$ ,  $\text{Clock}(\mathbf{F}_p)$ , etc., but not for elliptic curves!

gls1271:  $p = 2^{127} - 1$ ,  
with degree-2 extension.

Curve25519:  $p = 2^{255} - 19$ .

NIST P-224:  $p = 2^{224} - 2^{96} + 1$ .

secp112r1:  $p = (2^{128} - 3)/76439$ .

*Divides* special form.

Small example:  $p = 1000003$ .

Then  $1000000a + b \equiv b - 3a$ .

e.g.  $314159265358 =$

$314159 \cdot 1000000 + 265358 \equiv$

$314159(-3) + 265358 =$

$-942477 + 265358 =$

$-677119$ .

Easily adjust  $b - 3a$

to the range  $\{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$

by adding/subtracting a few  $p$ 's:

e.g.  $-677119 \equiv 322884$ .

Hmmm, is adjustment so easy?

Conditional branches are slow.

(Also dangerous for defenders:  
branch timing leaks secrets.)

Can eliminate the branches,  
but adjustment isn't free.

Speedup: Skip the adjustment  
for intermediate results.

“Lazy reduction.”

Adjust only for output.

$b - 3a$  is small enough

to continue computations.

Can delay carries until after multiplication by 3.

e.g. To square 314159

in  $\mathbf{Z}/1000003$ : Square poly

$$3t^5 + 1t^4 + 4t^3 + 1t^2 + 5t^1 + 9t^0,$$

obtaining  $9t^{10} + 6t^9 + 25t^8 +$

$$14t^7 + 48t^6 + 72t^5 + 59t^4 +$$

$$82t^3 + 43t^2 + 90t^1 + 81t^0.$$

Reduce: replace  $(c_i)t^{6+i}$  by

$(-3c_i)t^i$ , obtaining  $72t^5 + 32t^4 +$

$$64t^3 - 32t^2 + 48t^1 - 63t^0.$$

Carry:  $8t^6 - 4t^5 - 2t^4 +$

$$1t^3 + 2t^2 + 2t^1 - 3t^0.$$

To minimize poly degree,  
mix reduction and carrying,  
carrying the top sooner.

e.g. Start from square  $9t^{10} + 6t^9 + 25t^8 + 14t^7 + 48t^6 + 72t^5 + 59t^4 + 82t^3 + 43t^2 + 90t^1 + 81t^0$ .

Reduce  $t^{10} \rightarrow t^4$  and carry  $t^4 \rightarrow t^5 \rightarrow t^6$ :  $6t^9 + 25t^8 + 14t^7 + 56t^6 - 5t^5 + 2t^4 + 82t^3 + 43t^2 + 90t^1 + 81t^0$ .

Finish reduction:  $-5t^5 + 2t^4 + 64t^3 - 32t^2 + 48t^1 - 87t^0$ . Carry  $t^0 \rightarrow t^1 \rightarrow t^2 \rightarrow t^3 \rightarrow t^4 \rightarrow t^5$ :  $-4t^5 - 2t^4 + 1t^3 + 2t^2 - 1t^1 + 3t^0$ .



## Speedup: non-integer radix

$$p = 2^{61} - 1.$$

Five coeffs in radix  $2^{13}$ ?

$$f_4 t^4 + f_3 t^3 + f_2 t^2 + f_1 t^1 + f_0 t^0.$$

Most coeffs could be  $2^{12}$ .

Square  $\dots + 2(f_4 f_1 + f_3 f_2) t^5 + \dots$ .

Coeff of  $t^5$  could be  $> 2^{25}$ .

Reduce:  $2^{65} = 2^4$  in  $\mathbf{Z}/(2^{61} - 1)$ ;

$$\dots + (2^5(f_4 f_1 + f_3 f_2) + f_0^2) t^0.$$

Coeff could be  $> 2^{29}$ .

Very little room for

additions, delayed carries, etc.

on 32-bit platforms.

Scaled: Evaluate at  $t = 1$ .

$f_4$  is multiple of  $2^{52}$ ;

$f_3$  is multiple of  $2^{39}$ ;

$f_2$  is multiple of  $2^{26}$ ;

$f_1$  is multiple of  $2^{13}$ ;

$f_0$  is multiple of  $2^0$ . Reduce:

$$\dots + (2^{-60}(f_4 f_1 + f_3 f_2) + f_0^2)t^0.$$

Better: Non-integer radix  $2^{12.2}$ .

$f_4$  is multiple of  $2^{49}$ ;

$f_3$  is multiple of  $2^{37}$ ;

$f_2$  is multiple of  $2^{25}$ ;

$f_1$  is multiple of  $2^{13}$ ;

$f_0$  is multiple of  $2^0$ .

Saves a few bits in coeffs.