

Twisted Hessian curves

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1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky,
“Sequences of numbers
generated by addition
in formal groups
and new primality
and factorization tests” :

“The crucial problem becomes
the choice of the model
of an algebraic group variety,
where computations mod p
are the least time consuming.”

Most important computations:

ADD is $P, Q \mapsto P + Q$.

DBL is $P \mapsto 2P$.

“It is preferable to use models of elliptic curves lying in low-dimensional spaces, for otherwise the number of coordinates and operations is increasing. This limits us ... to 4 basic models of elliptic curves.”

Short Weierstrass:

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b.$$

Jacobi intersection:

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

Jacobi quartic: $y^2 = x^4 + 2ax^2 + 1.$

Hessian: $x^3 + y^3 + 1 = 3dxy.$

“Our experience shows that the expression of the law of addition on the cubic Hessian form (d) of an elliptic curve is by far the best and the prettiest.”

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

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12M for ADD,

where **M** is the cost of multiplication in the field.

8.4M for DBL,

assuming **0.8M** for the cost of squaring in the field.

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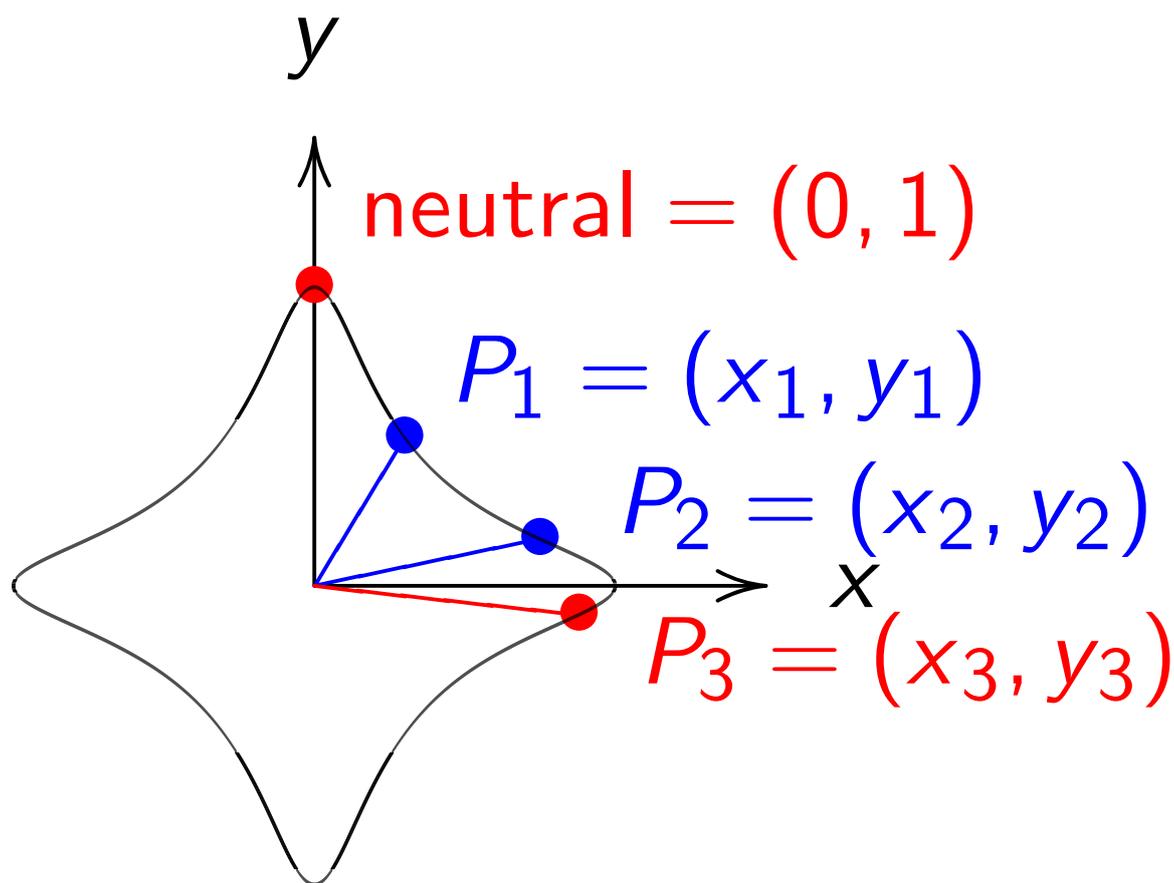
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Compared to Hessian,
Weierstrass saves 4M in typical
DBL-DBL-DBL-DBL-DBL-ADD.

2007 Edwards: new curve shape.

2007 Bernstein–Lange: generalize,
analyze speed, completeness.



Example: $x^2 + y^2 = 1 - 30x^2y^2$.

Sum of (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is

$((x_1y_2 + y_1x_2)/(1 - 30x_1x_2y_1y_2),$

$(y_1y_2 - x_1x_2)/(1 + 30x_1x_2y_1y_2))$.

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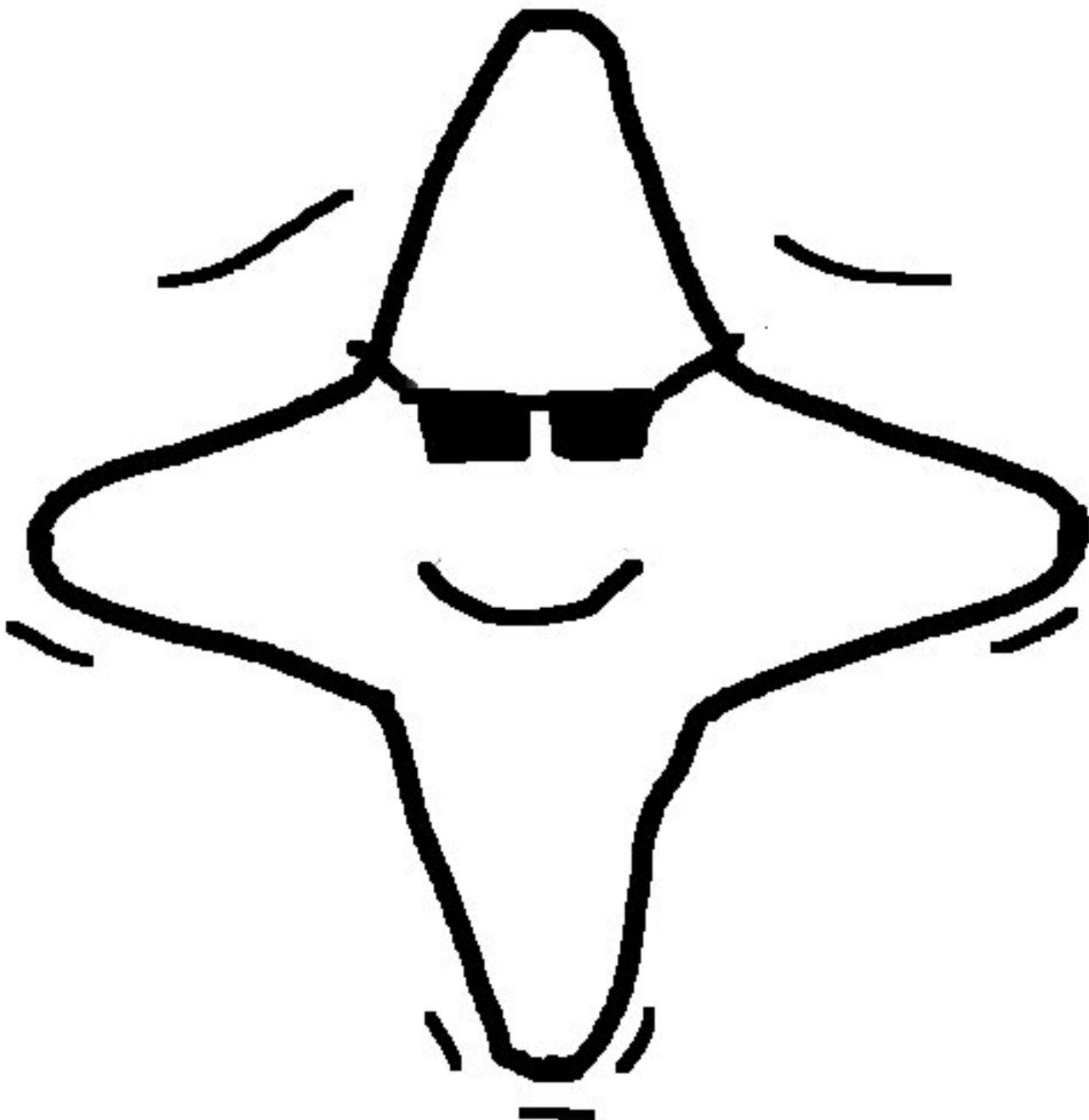
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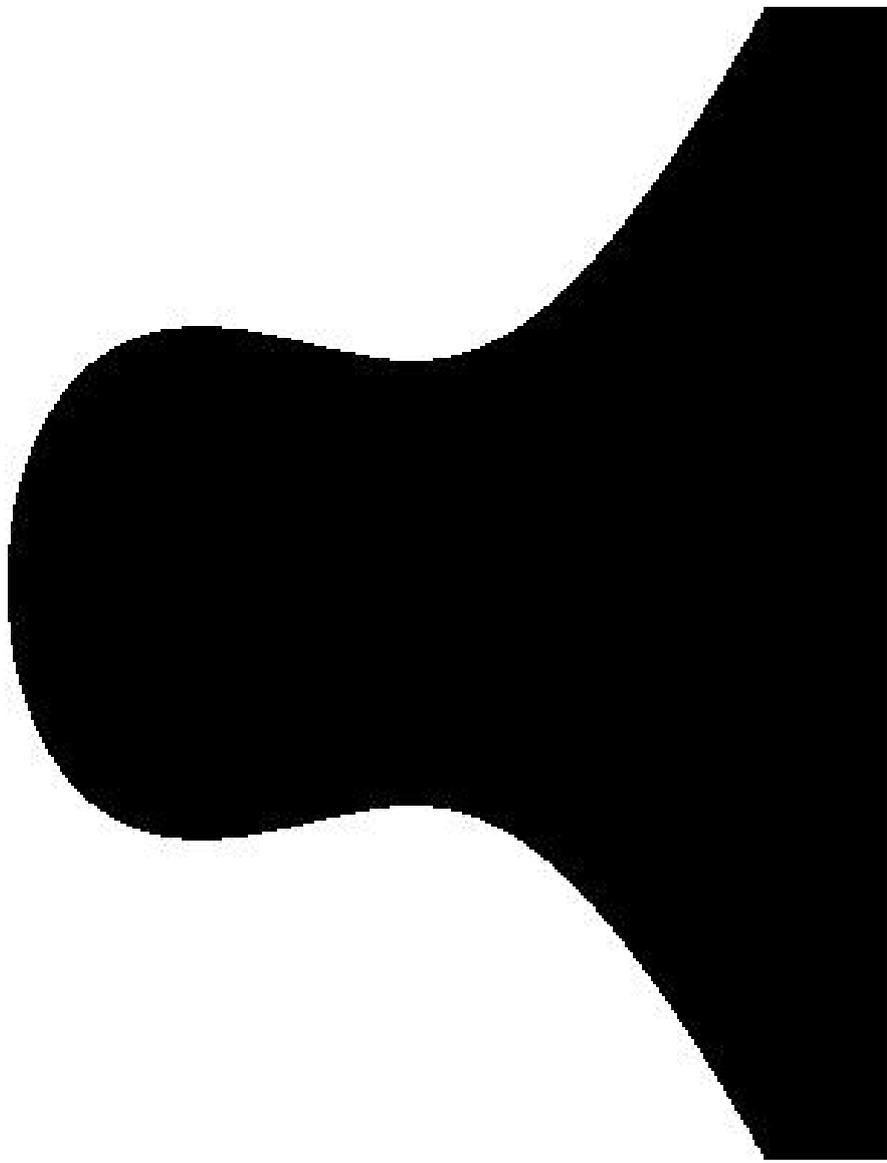
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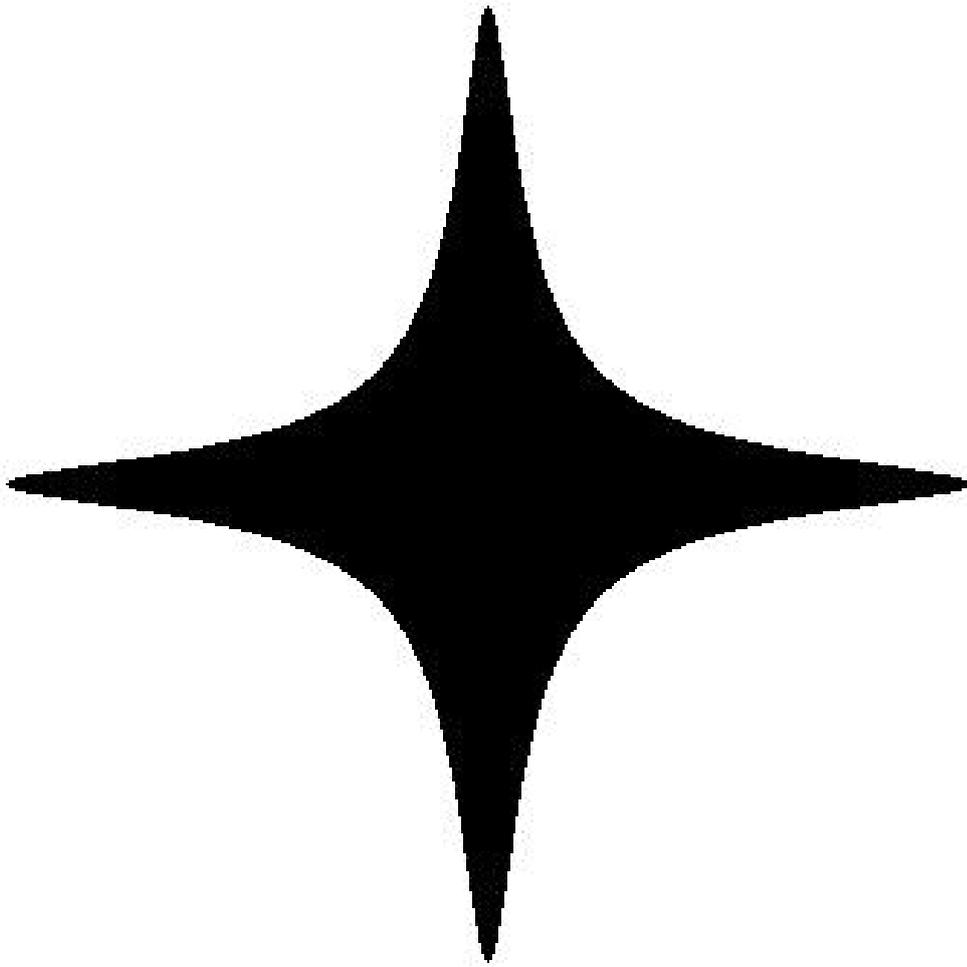




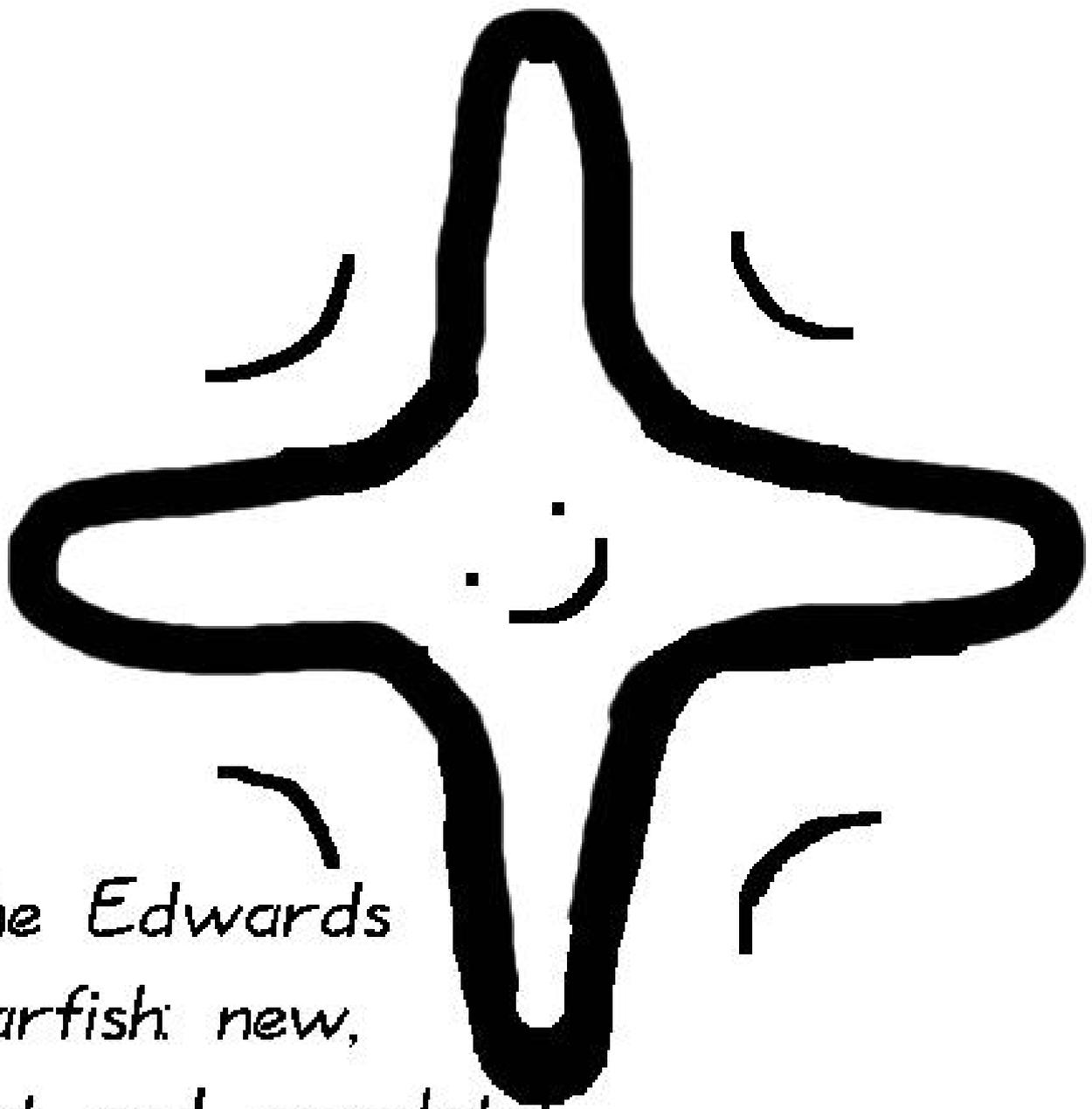
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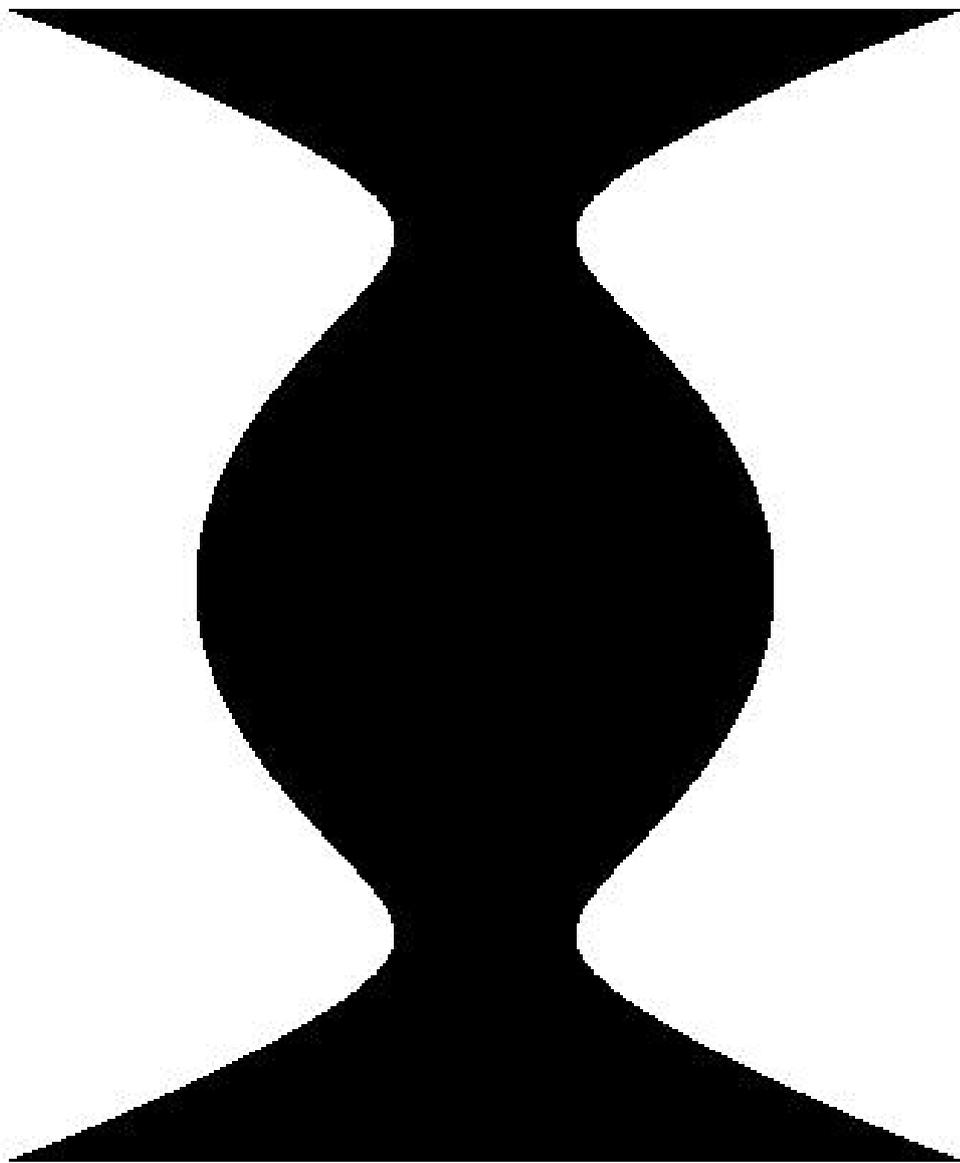
The Weierstrass-
turtle: old, trusted
and slow. Warning:
(picture) incomplete!



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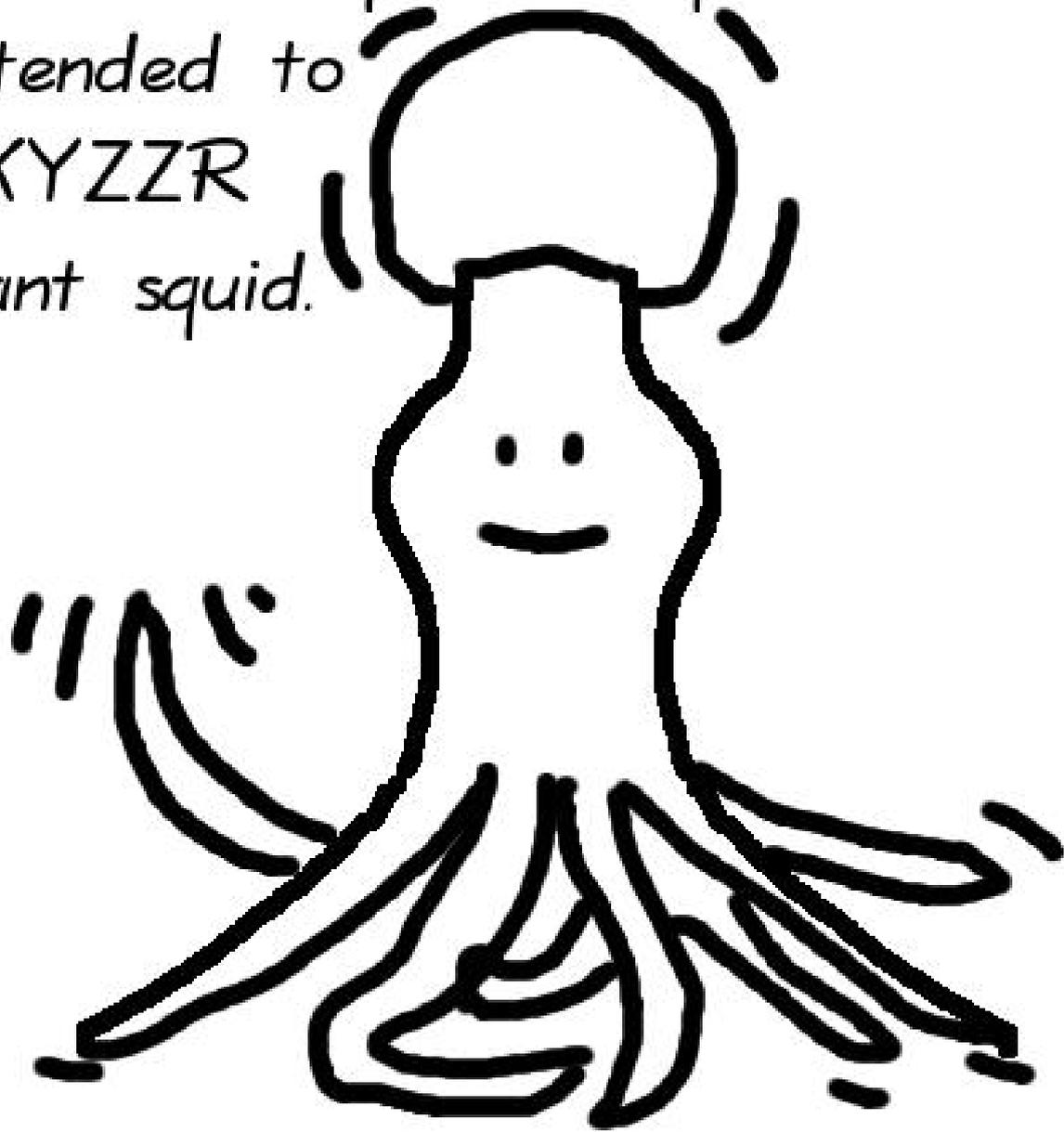


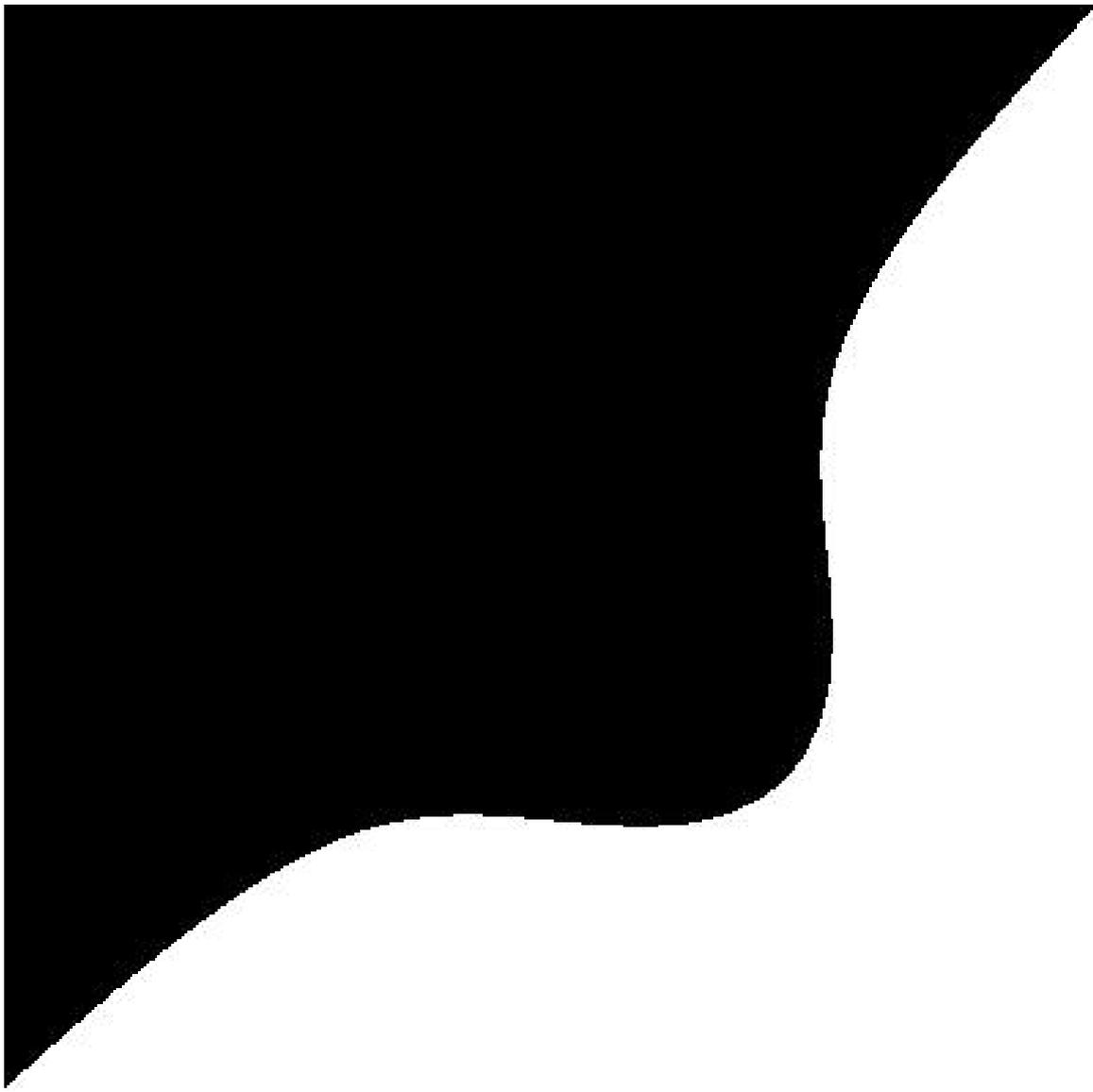
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$$x^2 = y^4 - 1.9y^2 + 1$$

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





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

The Hessian-ray: uniform



but
not strongly so



1985



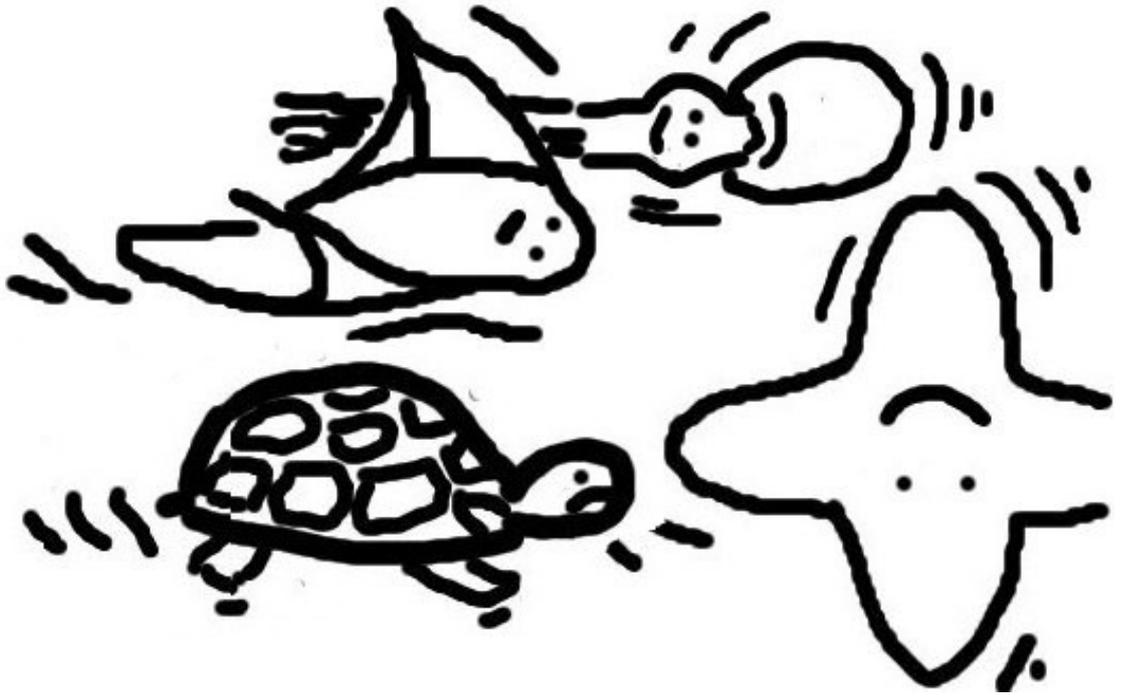
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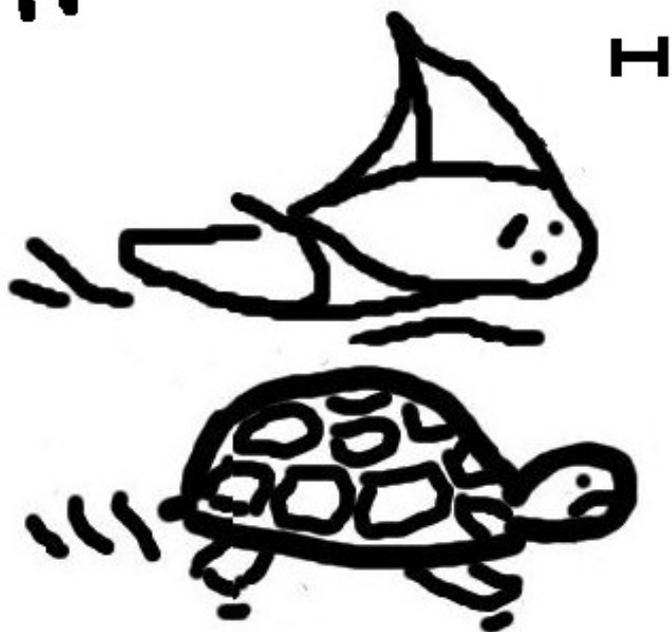
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Rotate addition law

so that it also works for DBL;

complete if a is not a cube.

Eliminates special-case overhead,

helps stop side-channel attacks.

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field with fast primitive $\sqrt[3]{1}$;
e.g., $\mathbf{F}_q[\omega]/(\omega^2 + \omega + 1)$, or
 \mathbf{F}_p with $7p = 2^{298} + 2^{149} + 1$.

(More history in small char.

See paper for details.)

$$\text{If } aX^3 + Y^3 + Z^3 = dXYZ$$

$$\text{then } VW(V + dU + aW) = U^3$$

where

$$U = -XYZ, V = Y^3, W = X^3.$$

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$$\text{then } aX_3^3 + Y_3^3 + Z_3^3 = dX_3Y_3Z_3$$

$$\text{where } Q = dU, R = aW,$$

$$S = -(V + Q + R),$$

$$dX_3 = R^3 + S^3 + V^3 - 3RSV,$$

$$Y_3 = RS^2 + SV^2 + VR^2 - 3RSV,$$

$$Z_3 = RV^2 + SR^2 + VS^2 - 3RSV.$$

Compose these 3-isogenies:

$$(X_3 : Y_3 : Z_3) = 3(X : Y : Z).$$

To quickly triple $(X : Y : Z)$:

Three cubings for R, S, V .

For three choices of constants

(α, β, γ) compute

$$(\alpha R + \beta S + \gamma V) \cdot$$

$$(\alpha S + \beta V + \gamma R) \cdot$$

$$(\alpha V + \beta R + \gamma S)$$

$$= \alpha\beta\gamma dX_3$$

$$+ (\alpha\beta^2 + \beta\gamma^2 + \gamma\alpha^2)Y_3$$

$$+ (\beta\alpha^2 + \gamma\beta^2 + \alpha\gamma^2)Z_3$$

$$+ (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^3 RSV.$$

Also use $a(R + S + V)^3 = d^3 RSV$.

Solve for dX_3, Y_3, Z_3 .

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New 10.8M (6 cubings)

makes faster choices

assuming fast primitive $\omega = \sqrt[3]{1}$:

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Are triplings useful?

2005 Dimitrov–Imbert–Mishra

“double-base chains”: e.g.,

compute $314159P$ as

$$2^{15}3^2P + 2^{11}3^2P + 2^83^1P \\ + 2^43^1P - 2^03^0P.$$

2TPL, 15DBL, 4ADD.

2006 Doche–Imbert

generalized double-base chains:

e.g., compute $314159P$ as

$$2^{12}3^33P - 2^73^35P - 2^43^17P - 2^03^0P$$

after precomputing $3P, 5P, 7P$.

3TPL, 13DBL, 6ADD.

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Analysis+optimization from 2007
Bernstein–Birkner–Lange–Peters:

Double-base chains speed up
Weierstrass curves slightly:

9.29M/bit for 256-bit scalars.

More savings for, e.g., Hessian:

9.65M/bit. Still not competitive.

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using latest Hessian formulas,
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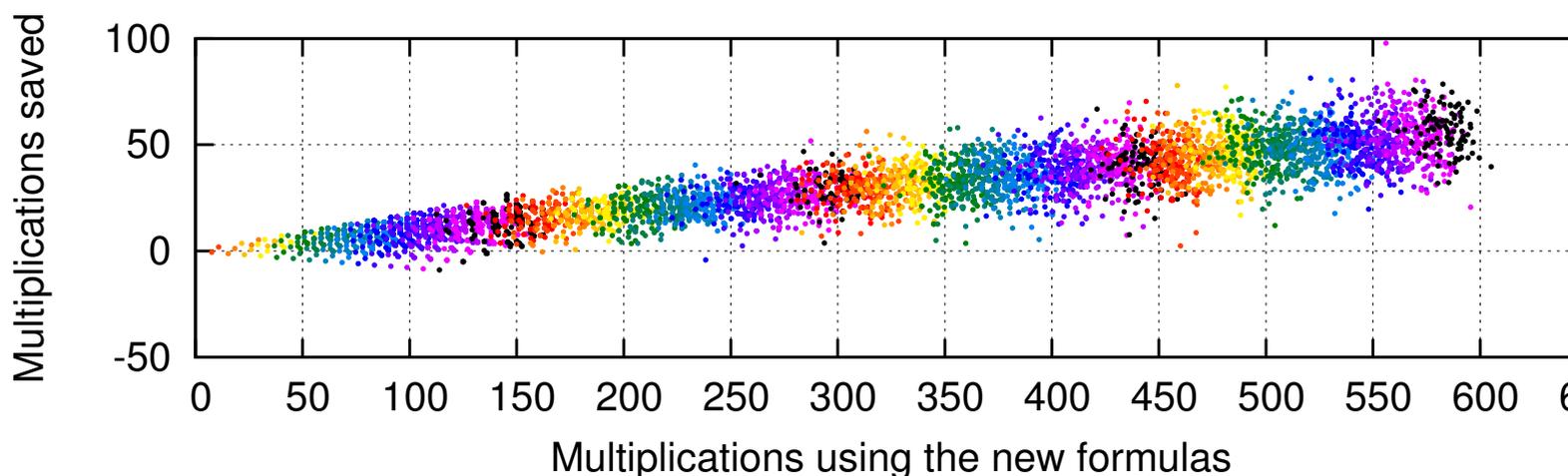
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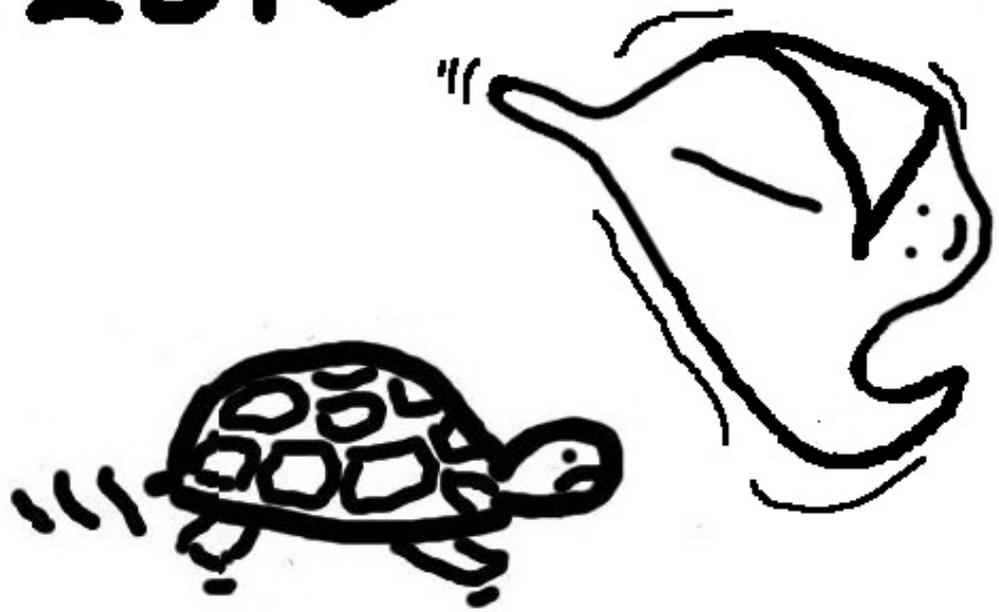
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Comparison to Weierstrass for
1-bit, 2-bit, . . . , 64-bit scalars:



Uses 2008 Doche–Habsieger
“tree search” and some new
improvements: e.g., account for
costs of ADD, DBL, TPL.

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Summary:

Twisted Hessian curves
solidly beat Weierstrass.

Chuengsatiansup talk tomorrow:
even better double-base chains
from shortest paths in DAG—
and also new Edwards speeds!