

On the security of OSIDH

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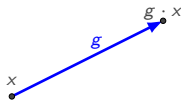
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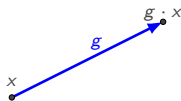
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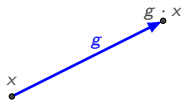
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- One way group action:

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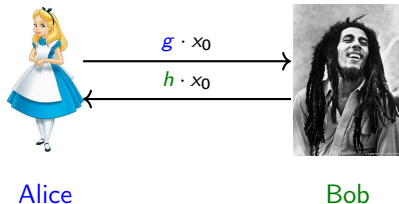
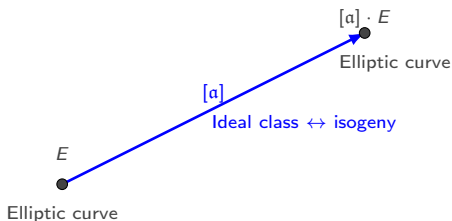


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Mathematical framework of OSIDH

The ideal class group action on oriented supersingular elliptic curves

- Group: ideal class group $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$.
- Space: primitively \mathcal{O} -oriented supersingular elliptic curves².
- Group action: isogenies representing ideal classes².



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K -oriented isogenies

- (E, ι) is a K -oriented elliptic curve.
- $\varphi : E \rightarrow F$ is an isogeny.
- We define a K -orientation $\varphi_*(\iota)$ on F by:

$$\forall \alpha \in K, \quad \varphi_*(\iota)(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\deg(\varphi)} \varphi \circ \iota(\alpha) \circ \widehat{\varphi}.$$

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Let (E, ι_E) and (F, ι_F) be two K -oriented elliptic curves.

An isogeny $\varphi : E \rightarrow F$ is K -oriented if $\varphi_*(\iota_E) = \iota_F$.

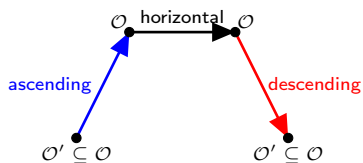
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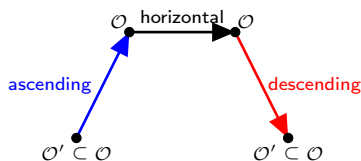
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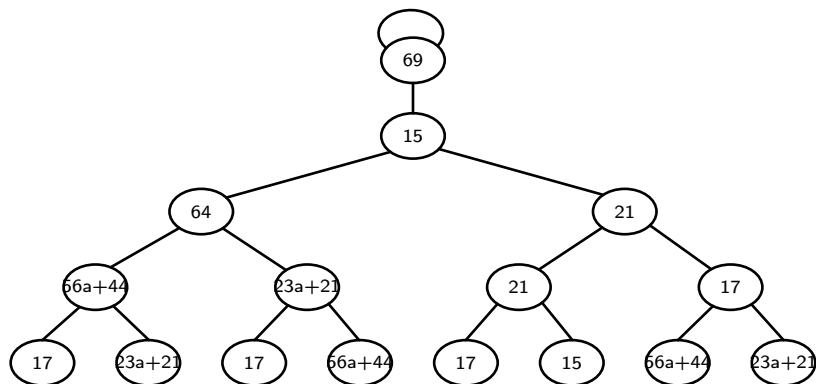
Proposition (Kohel)

If $\ell := \deg(\varphi)$ is prime, then:

- φ is always ascending, horizontal or descending.
- If φ is ascending, then $[\mathcal{O}' : \mathcal{O}] = \ell$.
- If φ is descending, then $[\mathcal{O} : \mathcal{O}'] = \ell$.

K -oriented supersingular ℓ -isogeny graphs

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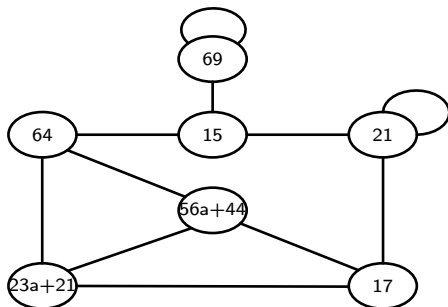


Figure: Supersingular 2-isogeny graph over \mathbb{F}_{79^2} .

Representing K -oriented elliptic curves by j -invariants

- $SS_K(p)$: set of K -oriented supersingular elliptic curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} up to K -oriented isomorphism.
- $SS(p)$: set of supersingular elliptic curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} up to isomorphism (supersingular j -invariants).
- Unfortunately, the forgetful map:

$$(E, \iota) \in SS_K(p) \mapsto E \in SS(p)$$

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- But we can restrict to \mathcal{O} -orientations with $\text{disc}(\mathcal{O})$ bounded.
- $SS_{\mathcal{O}}(p)$: set of \mathcal{O} -oriented supersingular elliptic curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} up to K -oriented isomorphism.

Theorem (Colò and Kohel)

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- $SS_{\mathcal{O}}^{pr}(p)$: set of **primitively** \mathcal{O} -oriented supersingular elliptic curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} up to K -oriented isomorphism.
- We define a group action:

$$\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}) \times SS_{\mathcal{O}}^{pr}(p) \longrightarrow SS_{\mathcal{O}}^{pr}(p).$$

- If $(E, \iota) \in SS_{\mathcal{O}}^{pr}(p)$ and $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ has norm prime to p , we consider:

$$\varphi_{\mathfrak{a}} : E \longrightarrow E/E[\mathfrak{a}]$$

with:

$$\ker(\varphi_{\mathfrak{a}}) = E[\mathfrak{a}] := \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{a}} \ker(\iota(\alpha)).$$

- We set:

$$[\mathfrak{a}] \cdot (E, \iota) := (E/E[\mathfrak{a}], (\varphi_{\mathfrak{a}})_*(\iota)).$$

The ideal class group action

Order \mathcal{O}	Primitively \mathcal{O} -oriented elliptic curves
\mathcal{O} -ideal $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$	Horizontal K -oriented isogeny $(E, \iota) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{a} \cdot (E, \iota)$
Conjugate ideal $\bar{\mathfrak{a}} \equiv \mathfrak{a}^{-1}$	Dual isogeny $\mathfrak{a} \cdot (E, \iota) \longrightarrow (E, \iota)$
Principal ideal	K -oriented endomorphism
$\mathfrak{a} \equiv \mathfrak{b}$ in $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$	$\mathfrak{a} \cdot (E, \iota) \simeq \mathfrak{b} \cdot (E, \iota)$
Ideal multiplication	Composition of isogenies

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To make it transitive: restrict to the orbit of elliptic curves obtained by reduction mod p of elliptic curves defined over a number field with complex multiplication by \mathcal{O} .

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A K -oriented ℓ -isogeny chain of length n is a sequence of K -oriented ℓ -isogenies:

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A K -oriented ℓ -ladder of length n and degree q is a commutative diagram of K -oriented ℓ -isogeny chains:

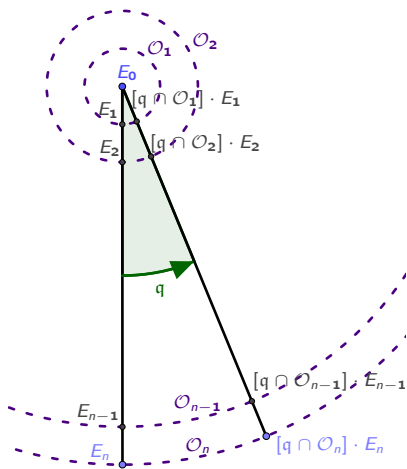
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such that $\psi_i : E_i \rightarrow F_i$ is a K -oriented q -isogeny for all $i \in \llbracket 0 ; n \rrbracket$.

Computing the ideal class group action in OSIDH

- $\mathcal{O}_i := \mathbb{Z} + \ell^i \mathcal{O}_K$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$.
- Represent an \mathcal{O}_n -oriented elliptic curve (E_n, ι_n) by a descending ℓ -isogeny chain $(E_i, \iota_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n}$.
- Let $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$ be a prime ideal.
- We compute the chain $(F_i, \iota'_i)_i := [\mathfrak{q}] \cdot (E_i, \iota_i)_i$:

$$\forall 0 \leq i \leq n, F_i := [\mathfrak{q} \cap \mathcal{O}_i] \cdot E_i$$
 to get $F_n := [\mathfrak{q} \cap \mathcal{O}_n] \cdot E_n$.
- Assumption: $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K) = \{1\}$, so that $E_0 = F_0$.



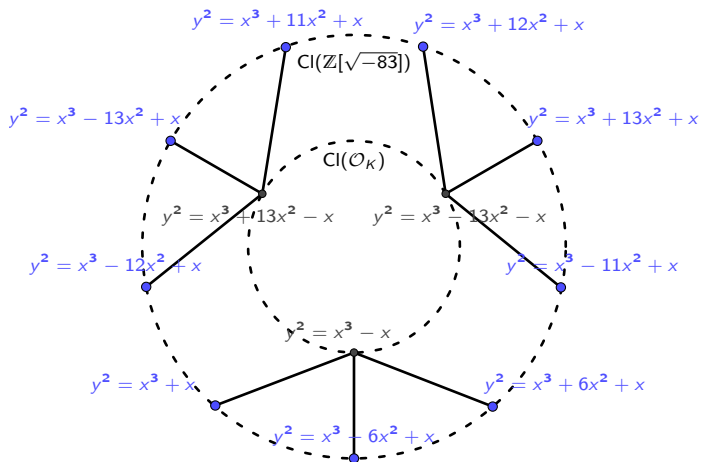
Restricted cryptographic group action

- $q_1, \dots, q_t \neq \ell$ splitting primes in K .
- $\mathfrak{q}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{q}_t$ primes of \mathcal{O}_K lying above q_1, \dots, q_t .
- The $[\mathfrak{q}_j \cap \mathcal{O}_n]$ generate $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_n)$.
- We know how to act by q_1, \dots, q_t .
- Then, we can compute

$$\left(\prod_{j=1}^t \mathfrak{q}_j^{e_j} \right) \cdot F_n.$$

What about CSIDH?

Example: $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-83})$, $\ell = 2$, $p = 83$, $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-83}] = \mathbb{Z} + 2\mathcal{O}_K$.



The OSIDH protocol

Naive Diffie-Hellman key exchange:

Public parameters:

- Prime ideals q_1, \dots, q_t .
- $(E_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n}$ a public descending ℓ -isogeny chain.

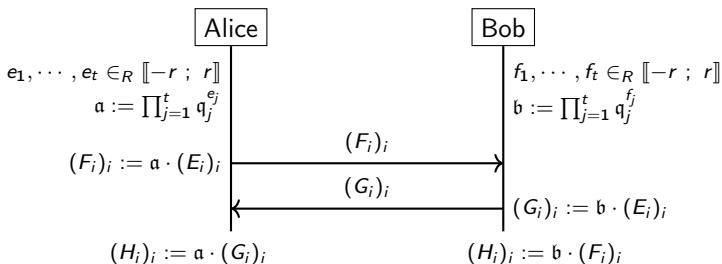


Figure: Naive protocol.

Attack on the ℓ -ladder³

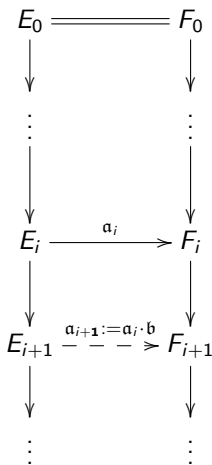
- Given $(E_i)_i$ and $(F_i)_i := [\mathfrak{a}] \cdot (E_i)_i$, we recover $[\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathcal{O}_n] \in \text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_n)$
- Knowing $\mathfrak{a}_i \subseteq \mathcal{O}_K$, such that $[\mathfrak{a}_i \cap \mathcal{O}_i] = [\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathcal{O}_i]$, we look for:

$$\mathfrak{a}_{i+1} := \mathfrak{a}_i \cdot \mathfrak{b}$$

with $[\mathfrak{b} \cap \mathcal{O}_{i+1}] \in \ker(\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_{i+1}) \longrightarrow \text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_i))$ such that:

$$[(\mathfrak{a}_i \cdot \mathfrak{b}) \cap \mathcal{O}_{i+1}] \cdot E_{i+1} = F_{i+1}$$

- $|\ker(\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_{i+1}) \longrightarrow \text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_i))| \leq \ell + 1$, so we have a few values of \mathfrak{b} to test.



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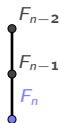
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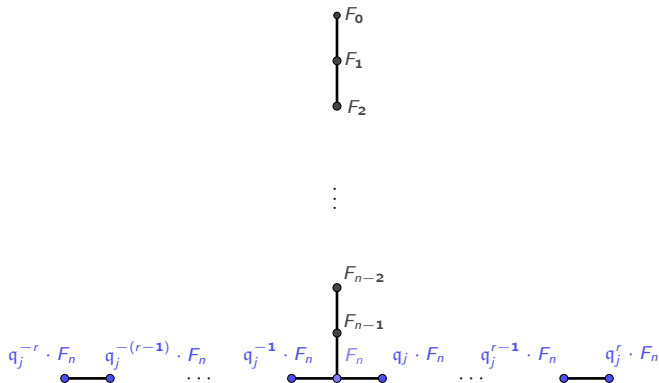


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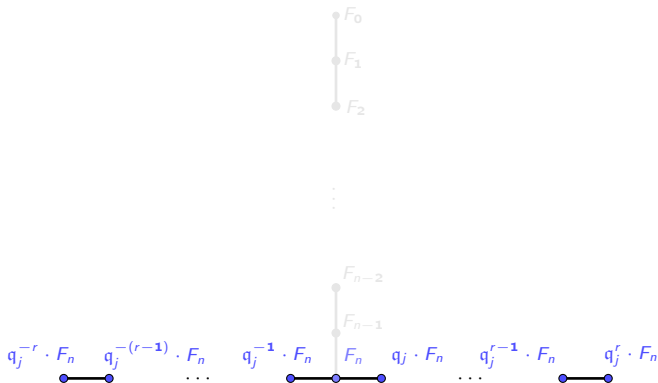
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Why does it work?

Example: Bob computes $H_n = [b] \cdot F_n$ with $[b] = [q_1]^{f_1}[q_2]^{f_2}$.

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 [q_2]^{f_2} \cdot E_{A,n} & \longrightarrow & [q_1][q_2]^{f_2} \cdot F_n & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & [q_1]^{f_1}[q_2]^{f_2} \cdot F_n \\
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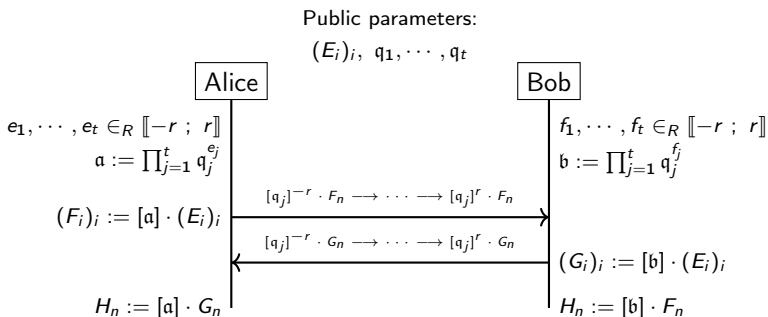
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Figure: The OSIDH protocol.

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Cryptanalysis of OSIDH

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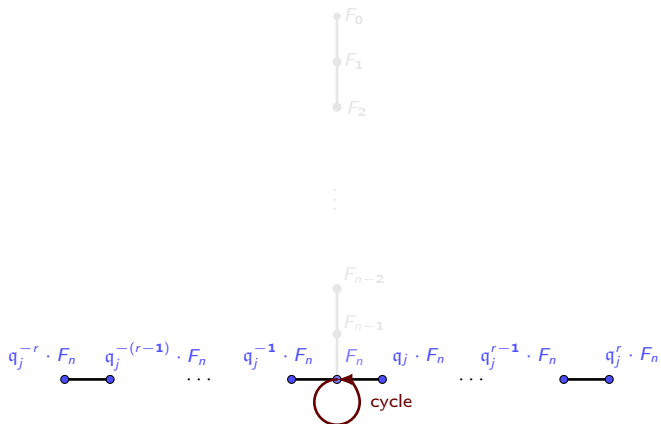
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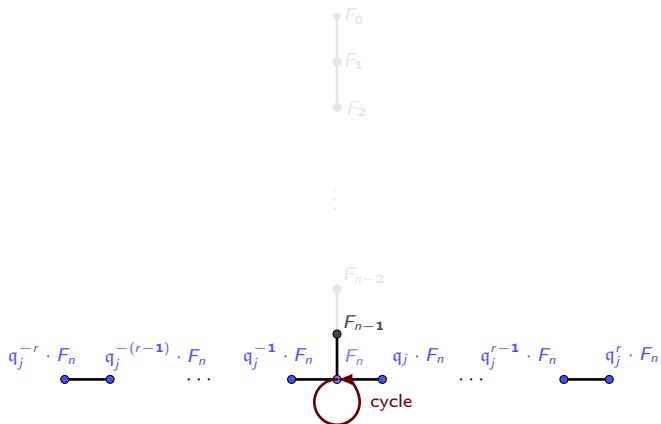
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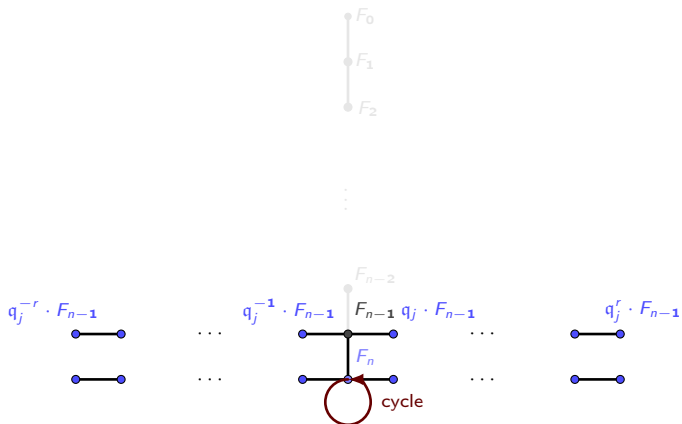
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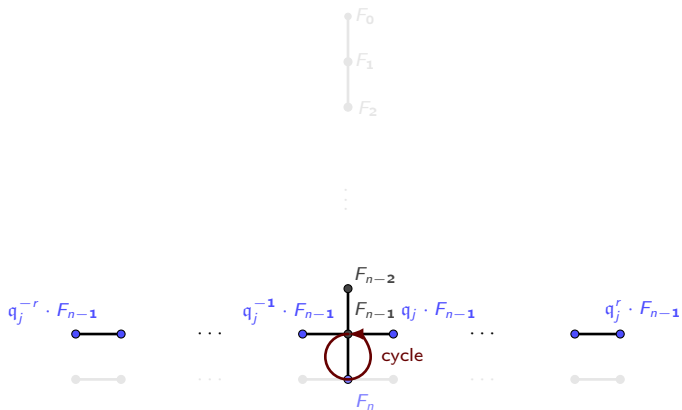
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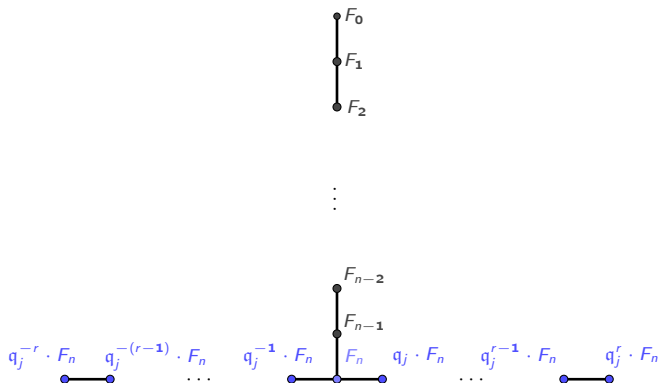
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- We look for:

$$\beta \mathcal{O}_n = \prod_{j=1}^t (\mathfrak{q}_j \cap \mathcal{O}_n)^{e_j}$$

with $e_1, \dots, e_t \in \llbracket -2r ; 2r \rrbracket$, so that $\iota'_n(\beta)$ can be inferred from:

$$[\mathfrak{q}_j]^{-r} \cdot F_n \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow [\mathfrak{q}_j]^r \cdot F_n \quad (1 \leq j \leq t)$$

- We look for short vectors (of infinity norm $\leq 2r$) in the relations lattice:

$$L := \left\{ (e_1, \dots, e_t) \in \mathbb{Z}^t \mid \prod_{j=1}^t [\mathfrak{q}_j \cap \mathcal{O}_n]^{e_j} = [1] \text{ in } \text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_n) \right\}$$

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covers $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_n)$, then $|\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_n)| \leq (2r + 1)^t$ and:

$$\lambda_1^{(\infty)}(L) < 2r$$

- Finding a short vector is exponential but practical with BKZ.

Implementation with toy parameters: $\ell = 2, n = 28, t = 10, r = 3$ and $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$.

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[sage: load("Documents/Codes/OSIDH/OSIDH_attack_tests.py")
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Protocol execution:
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Alice:
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Alice's secret key:
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[2, 1, -3, 3, 3, 3, 3, -1, -3, 1]
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Alice's action on public chain complete.
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Bob:
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Bob's secret key:
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[2, 0, -1, 1, 3, -3, 1, 2, 0, 2]
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Bob's action on public chain complete.
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Alice's action on Bob's data complete.
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Bob's action on Alice's data complete.
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Shared chains coincide: True
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Protocol execution time: 86.6418662071228 s
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Attack: part 1 - recovering the chains of Alice and Bob
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Alice
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Alice's chain recovered: True
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Timing part 1: 243.38196992874146 s
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Attack: part 2 - recovering Alice's secret exponents
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Timing part 2: 109.8835232257843 s
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Attack: part 3 - recovering the shared secret chain
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Attack is correct: True
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Timing part 3: 8.221031904220581 s
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Total attack timing : 361.48652505874634 s
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	Protocol	Complete attack
Average (in s)	84.83	376.05
Standard deviation (in s)	5.61	18.29
Margin of error (95 %) on the average (in s)	1.46	4.76

Can we scale up the attack?

Testing lattice reduction: $\ell = 2$, $n = 256$, $t = 74$, $r = 5$ and $K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$.

- Relations lattice computation: 1h04.
- Finding a short vector with BKZ: 0.5s.
- Shortest vector:

$$u := (-4, 1, 4, 4, -3, 1, 3, 5, 5, 2, 9, 5, 3, 5, -1, 5, -7, 2, -3, 5, 3, -3, 2, \\ 0, 2, 2, 0, -6, -2, -2, -9, 0, -6, 4, 1, -2, 1, 0, 7, 6, -2, -5, -3, -4, \\ 6, -1, 0, -3, -2, -3, 2, 6, 0, 6, -8, -3, -2, -3, 4, 4, -3, -5, 1, 0, \\ 0, 1, -1, 0, 5, -1, -1, 1, -2, -4)$$

$$\|u\|_{\infty} = 9 < 2r.$$

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This impedes other cryptographic constructions.

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Future works:

- Improve the protocol implementation to scale up the attack.
- Find a complete cryptanalysis (without countermeasures).
- Or look for other constructions with the OSIDH framework that can work with a small key space.

Questions