# Fast computation of higher dimensional 2<sup>e</sup>-isogenies with theta coordinates

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#### Isogenies between elliptic curves

Between elliptic curves, isogenies are non-zero morphisms of algebraic groups.



### Isogenies between abelian varieties

- Abelian varieties are projective abelian group varieties, generalizing elliptic curves.
- Between abelian varieties, isogenies are morphisms which are surjective and of finite kernel.



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- They also have been used constructively in several protocols (FESTA/QFESTA, SQIsignHD/2D/Prime, Scallop-HD, IS-CUBE, 3D hash function...).
- We need fast implementations.

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# The algebraic theory of theta functions

#### Line bundles

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#### Notations:

- k: algebraically closed field.
- A: abelian variety defined over k.
- $g := \dim(A)$ .
- A line bundle  $\mathscr{L}$  on A is a locally free sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_A$ -modules of rank 1.
- Line bundles on A form a group for the tensor product.
- Isomorphism classes of line bundles form the Picard group Pic(A).
- Pic(A) ≅ {divisors on A}/{principal divisors}.

#### Polarisations

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#### • Let:

$$\operatorname{Pic}^{0}(A) = \{ [\mathscr{L}] \in \operatorname{Pic}(A) \mid \forall a \in A(k), \quad t_{a}^{*}\mathscr{L} \simeq \mathscr{L} \}$$

- $\operatorname{Pic}^{0}(A) \cong \widehat{A}(k)$  (k-rational points of  $\widehat{A}$ ).
- If  $\mathcal{L}$  is a line bundle on A, consider:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \varphi_{\mathscr{L}} : A & \longrightarrow & \widehat{A} \\ x \in A(k) & \longmapsto & [t_x^* \mathscr{L} \otimes \mathscr{L}^{-1}] \in \operatorname{Pic}^0(A) \end{array}$$

- When  $\mathcal{K}(\mathscr{L}) := \ker(\varphi_{\mathscr{L}})$  is finite,  $\varphi_{\mathscr{L}}$  is an isogeny and we say that:
  - $\varphi_{\mathscr{L}}$  is a **polarisation** of *A*.
  - $(A, \mathcal{L})$  is a polarized abelian variety.
- When φ<sub>L</sub> is an isomorphism, (A, L) is a principally polarised abelian variety (PPAV).

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• Given  $(x, \phi_x), (y, \phi_y) \in G(\mathcal{L})$ , the composition:

$$\mathscr{L} \xrightarrow{\phi_x} t_x^* \mathscr{L} \xrightarrow{t_x^* \phi_y} t_x^* t_y^* \mathscr{L} = t_{x+y}^* \mathscr{L},$$

defines the product:

$$(x,\phi_x)\cdot(y,\phi_y)=(x+y,t_x^*\phi_y\circ\phi_x).$$

• This defines a (non-commutative) group law on  $G(\mathcal{L})$ .

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#### The commutator pairing

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- $G(\mathscr{L})$  does not commute and we measure the commutativity defect via the **commutator pairing**.
- Let  $x, y \in K(\mathcal{L})$  and  $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in G(\mathcal{L})$  be lifts of x, y. Define:

$$e_{\mathscr{L}}(x,y) := \widetilde{x} \cdot \widetilde{y} \cdot \widetilde{x}^{-1} \cdot \widetilde{y}^{-1} \in k^*.$$

as the **commutator pairing** of x and y.

e<sub>L</sub>: K(L) × K(L) → k<sup>\*</sup> is a non-degenerate skew-symmetric bilinear map.

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# Action of the Theta group

•  $G(\mathcal{L})$  acts on the space of global sections  $\Gamma(A, \mathcal{L})$  as follows:

 $\forall s \in \Gamma(A, \mathcal{L}), (x, \phi_x) \in G(\mathcal{L}), \quad (x, \phi_x) \cdot s = t^*_{-x}(\phi_x(s)).$ 

#### Theorem (Mumford, 1966)

This action defines an irreducible representation of  $G(\mathcal{L})$ :

 $G(\mathscr{L}) \hookrightarrow GL(\Gamma(A,\mathscr{L})).$ 

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### Symplectic decompositions

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  - $d_1|\cdots|d_g$  and  $g = \dim(A)$ ; •  $K_1(\mathscr{L}) \simeq K_1(\delta)$  and  $K_2(\mathscr{L}) \simeq K_2(\delta)$ .

Where:

$$\mathcal{K}_1(\delta) := \prod_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}/d_i\mathbb{Z}$$
 and  $\mathcal{K}_2(\delta) := \widehat{\mathcal{K}_1(\delta)} = \operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{K}_1(\delta), k^*).$ 

• We say that  $\mathscr{L}$  has **type**  $\delta$ .

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$$\forall x, y \in K(\delta), \quad e_{\mathscr{L}}(\phi(x), \phi(y)) = e_{\delta}(x, y).$$

The K<sub>i</sub>(ℒ) := φ(K<sub>i</sub>(δ)) form a symplectic decomposition of K(ℒ).

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#### Theta structures

- The Heisenberg group is isomorphic to the theta group.
- A Theta structure is an isomorphism Θ<sub>L</sub> : ℋ(δ) → G(L) inducing an isomorphism of exact sequences:

In particular,  $\overline{\Theta}_{\mathscr{L}} : \mathcal{K}(\delta) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{K}(\mathscr{L})$  is a symplectic isomorphism.

• **Slogan:** "A theta structure is a symplectic isomorphism with lifting information."

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- Let  $V(\delta)$  be the space of functions  $K_1(\delta) \longrightarrow k$ .
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Hence, if *L* has type δ, there exists an isomorphism of representations β: V(δ) → Γ(A, L):

$$\forall v \in V(\delta), h \in \mathcal{H}(\delta), \quad \beta(h \cdot v) = \Theta_{\mathcal{L}}(h) \cdot \beta(v).$$

•  $\beta$  is unique up to a multiplicative constant (by Shur's lemma).

#### Theta functions

• Consider the basis of  $V(\delta)$  given by Kronecker functions:

$$\delta_i : j \in \mathcal{K}_1(\delta) \longmapsto \delta_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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• Main advantage of theta functions: the action  $G(\mathcal{L}) \cap \Gamma(A, \mathcal{L})$  yields nice formulas on theta functions.

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#### Theta structures of level n

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- Then K(ℒ) = A[n] and there are n<sup>g</sup> theta functions (θ<sup>ℒ</sup><sub>i</sub>)<sub>i∈(ℤ/nℤ)<sup>g</sup></sub>.

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- Unlike in most algebraic geometry studies, we do not look at abelian varieties as Jacobians or by their equations. We use their theta null point to do arithmetic.

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### Symmetric theta structures

#### Definition

A theta-structure  $\Theta_{\mathscr{L}}$  is **symmetric** if  $\Theta_{\mathscr{L}} \circ D_{-1} = \delta_{-1} \circ \Theta_{\mathscr{L}}$ , where  $D_{-1} \in \operatorname{Aut}(\mathscr{H}(\delta))$  and  $\delta_{-1} \in \operatorname{Aut}(G(\mathscr{L}))$  are maps that lift  $[-1]: x \longrightarrow -x$ .





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### Compatible symmetric theta structures

Two symmetric theta structures  $\Theta_{\mathscr{L}}$  of  $G(\mathscr{L})$  and  $\Theta_{\mathscr{L}^2}$  of  $G(\mathscr{L}^2)$  are **compatible** if the following diagrams commute:



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### Differential addition and duplication formulas

For all  $\chi \in (\widehat{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^g}$  and  $i \in K_1(2\delta)$ , define:

$$U_{\chi,i}^{\mathcal{L}^2} := \sum_{t \in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^g} \chi(t) \theta_{i+t\delta}^{\mathcal{L}^2}$$

#### Theorem (Mumford, 1966 and Robert, 2010)

Assume  $\Theta_{\mathscr{L}}$  and  $\Theta_{\mathscr{L}^2}$  are symmetric and compatible. Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then there exists  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in k^*$  such that for all  $i, j \in K_1(2\delta)$  such that  $i \equiv j \mod 2$  and  $\chi \in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^g$ , we have:

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But also:

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### Computing the codomain theta null point

Me need 8-torsion points above the kernel.

• In dimensions 2 and 3, these can be avoided at the expense of square root computations.

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Sym. theta structures and symplectic basis (Mumford, 1966)

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- $\forall 1 \leq i,j \leq g$ ,  $e_{\mathcal{L}^2}(x_i, y_j) = \zeta^{\delta_{i,j}}$ .

Then  $K_1(\mathcal{L}^2) := \langle x_1, \cdots, x_g \rangle$  and  $K_2(\mathcal{L}^2) := \langle y_1, \cdots, y_g \rangle$  form a symplectic decomposition of  $K(\mathcal{L}^2)$ .

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Implementation results in dimension 4 [Dar24]

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$\log_2(p)$	125	254	371
е	64	128	192
Computation	678 ms	1519 ms	2459 ms
Evaluation	25.9 ms	59.3 ms	107.7 ms

We expect an improvement by a factor 50 with a C implementation.

#### Thanks for listening!



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