

# Improving the AGM point counting algorithm

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# Outline

- 1 Generalities about point counting algorithms
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- 3 Improving the AGM point counting algorithm
  - The genus 1 case
  - The genus 2 case
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# Point counting algorithms

Quick version:

- **Input**: a curve  $X$  of genus  $g$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $q = p^n$ ;
- **Output**:  $\#X(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

# Point counting algorithms

Longer version :

## Zeta function of $X$

- $\chi(X, T) = \sum_n A_n T^n$ ,  $A_n = \#\{D \in \text{Div}C \mid D \geq 0, \deg D = n\}$ ;
- $\chi(X, T) = \frac{\chi_p(X, T)}{(1-T)(1-qT)}$ ,  $\chi_p(X, T) = \sum_{i=0}^{2g} a_i T^i \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$ ,  
 $a_{2g} = 1$ ,  $a_0 = q^g$ .
- **Input**: a curve  $X$  of genus  $g$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ;
- **Output**:  $\chi_p(X, T)$ .

## Remark

*Remark :  $\chi_p(X, 1) = \#J(X)(\mathbb{F}_q)$  has cryptographic applications.*

## Canonical lift point counting algorithms

- Let  $\bar{E}$  be the elliptic curve:

$$\bar{E} : y^2 = x^3 + \bar{a}x + \bar{b}, \text{ for } \bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \mathbb{F}_q, (q = p^n, p \neq 2, 3).$$

- Let  $W(\mathbb{F}_q)$  be the degree  $n$  unramified extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ;
- The reduction morphism  $\pi : W(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q, x \mapsto x \pmod{p}$ .

### Definition

A lift  $E$  of  $\bar{E}$  is a curve over  $W(\mathbb{F}_q)$ :

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \text{ for } a, b \in W(\mathbb{F}_q),$$

which reduces to  $\bar{E} \pmod{p}$  i.e. such that  $\bar{a} = a \pmod{p}$  and  $\bar{b} = b \pmod{p}$ .

## Canonical lift point counting algorithms

### Definition

If  $\bar{E}$  is ordinary there's a unique canonical lift  $E$  of  $\bar{E}$  such that  $End(\bar{E}) = End(E)$ .

- In particular,  $q$ -Frobenius of  $\bar{E}$  has a lift  $\Sigma$  in  $End(E)$  ;
- $\Sigma$  acts by  $x \mapsto \lambda x$ ,  $\lambda \in W(\mathbb{F}_q)$  on  $T_0^*(X)$  the 1-dimensional (co)tangent space in 0 of  $E$ ;
- then  $\chi_p(X, T) = T^2 + (\lambda + q/\lambda)T + q$ .

### Remark

*Generalize to higher genus curves (need to distinguish  $X$  and  $J(X)$ ).*

# Framework of canonical lift algorithms

General framework of Satoh-Mestre algorithms:

- **Input**: an ordinary curve  $X$  of genus  $g$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $q = p^n$ ;
  - **Output**:  $\chi_p(X, T)$  the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius.
- 1 Compute the canonical lift of  $J(X)$  over  $W(\mathbb{F}_q)$ ;
  - 2 Compute the action  $M$  of the Frobenius morphism on  $T_0(J(X))$ ;
  - 3 Compute  $\chi_1(X, T) = \det(M - T I)$ ;
  - 4 Recover  $\chi_p(X, T) = T^g \chi_1(X, q/T) \chi_1(X, T)$ .

# Idea of Mestre's algorithm

- Main idea: the canonical lift is a fixed point for the Frobenius action;
- Compute the canonical lift by iterating the Frobenius: actually we use the  $p$ -Frobenius isogeny because of its small degree;
- the Frobenius action: easily computed by an isomorphism between Weierstrass models of elliptic curves.



## By the way, where is the AGM ? Characteristic 2 case !

- Define an AGM sequence by:  $(a_0, b_0) \in W(\mathbb{F}_{2^n})$ ,

$$(a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}) = \left( \frac{a_k + b_k}{2}, \sqrt{a_k b_k} \right).$$

- Let  $\tilde{E}_{a_k, b_k}$  be the elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{Q}_{2^n}$  given by :

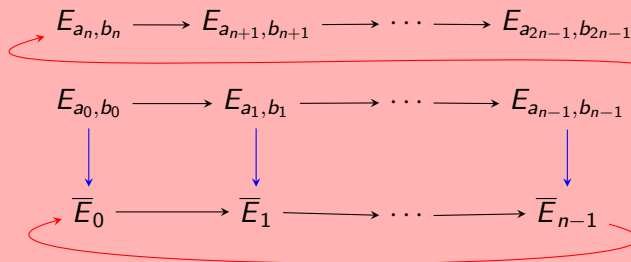
$$y^2 = x(x - a_k^2)(x - b_k^2).$$

- Then there is a sequence of 2-isogeny:

$$E_{a_0, b_0} \longrightarrow E_{a_1, b_1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow E_{a_k, b_k} \longrightarrow \cdots$$

## Scheme of the algorithm

- Let  $\bar{E}_0$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ , suppose that  $E_{a_0, b_0}$  is a lift of  $E_0$ .
- Then we have the diagram of isogenies:



## Generalisations and algorithmic improvements

- Higher genus generalisation by Mestre: theta interpretation of theta AGM;
- Generalisation to the odd characteristic case;
- Algorithmic improvement: compute the canonical lift with a kind of Hensel lift.

We obtain a quasi-quadratic algorithm in  $n$  for point counting over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

# Theta functions

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{H}_g$  be the Siegel upper-half space. For  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^g$ , and  $\Omega \in \mathcal{H}_g$ , the theta function with rational characteristics  $(a, b)$  is given by:

$$\theta \left[ \begin{matrix} ab(z) \\ \Omega \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^g} \exp [\pi i^t (n+a) \cdot \Omega \cdot (n+a) + 2\pi i^t (n+a) \cdot (z+b)]. \quad (1)$$

# Theta functions

## Definition

For  $\ell \geq 2$ , let  $Z(\ell) = \mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z}$ , the  $\ell^g$  level  $\ell$  theta functions are:

$$\theta_i(z) = \theta \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 0i/\ell(z) \\ \Omega \end{smallmatrix} \right] / \ell, \text{ for } i \in Z(\ell).$$

- $\Omega$  fixed: embedding of  $A_\Omega = \mathbb{C}^g / (\mathbb{Z}^g + \Omega\mathbb{Z}^g)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{Z(\ell)}$  if  $\ell \geq 4$ :

$$z \mapsto (\theta_i^A(z)).$$

- $z = 0$  : embedding of  $\mathcal{A}_g = \mathcal{H}_g / \Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma$  some congruence subgroup of  $\mathrm{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{Z(\ell)}$ :

$$\Omega \mapsto (\theta_i(0, \Omega)).$$

## Application to AGM algorithm

### Remark

*If  $\ell = 2$ ,  $\theta_i^A(z) = \theta_i^A(-z)$  and  $\theta_i^A$  gives an embedding of  $K = A/(-1)$  the Kummer variety of  $A$ .*

Theta function theory gives formulas:

- recover level 2  $\theta_i^A(0)$  from the knowledge of the ramification points of an hyperelliptic curve : Thomae formulas;
- compute  $2^g$ -isogenies: duplications formulas;
- recover  $\prod_{i=1}^g \lambda_i$ ,  $\lambda_i$  Eigenvalues of the Frobenius morphism which are unit mod 2: transformation formula.

# Limitation of AGM point counting algorithms

Bad behavior with respect to the genus:

- $2^g$  coordinates;
- Recovering  $\lambda_i$  from  $\prod_{i=1}^g \lambda_i$  is painful:
  - consider  $P_{sym}$  symmetric polynomial whose roots are products in pairs  $\{\lambda_i, \overline{\lambda_i}\}$ ;
  - need to increase the precision of computations;
  - LLL algorithm with a matrix of size  $2^g$
- starting from  $g = 4$  does not characterise isogeny class of Abelian varieties (counter example of Mestre).

## Aim of this talk

Let  $X$  be a curve over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $q = p^n$ , let  $A$  be a canonical lift of  $J(X)$ , we explain :

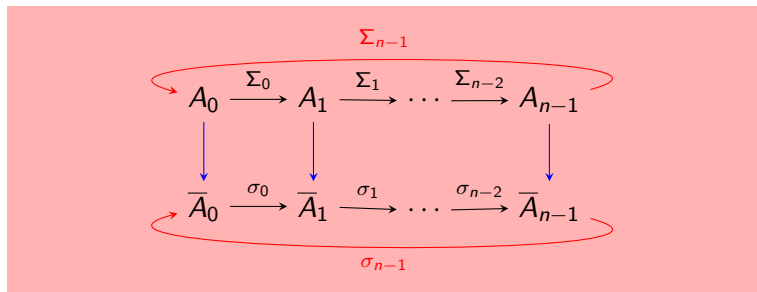
- How to recover  $\chi_P(X, T)$ ;
- More : the similarity class of the action of the Frobenius on differential forms;
- Efficiently : no increase of precision, almost in the same time complexity as the lift step.

We suppose that  $p = 2$  for the sake of simplicity.



## Notations

- Let  $X$  be a curve over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ ;
- $\bar{A}_0 = J(X)$ ,  $A_0$  a canonical lift of  $\bar{A}_0$ ;
- $v_i$  (resp.  $V_i$ ) is the dual of  $\sigma_i$  (resp.  $\Sigma_i$ );
- the absolute Frobenius gives isomorphisms  $\bar{A}_{i+1} \simeq \bar{A}_i \otimes_{\sigma_i} \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  which lifts to  $A_{i+1} \simeq A_i \otimes_{\Sigma_i} \mathbb{Q}_{2^n}$



## Guiding principle

- Let  $\Sigma^q : A_0 \rightarrow A_0$  be the  $q^{\text{th}}$ -Frobenius,  $V^q$  its dual;
- Aim : compute  $V^{q*} : T_0^*(A_0) \rightarrow T_0^*(A_0)$  ;
- By standard argument it suffices to:
  - Compute the matrix  $M$  of

$$V_0^* : T_0^*(A_0) \rightarrow T_0^*(A_1)$$

in basis  $(x_i)_{i=1, \dots, g}$  of  $T_0^*(A_0)$  and

$$(x_i \otimes_{\Sigma_0} \mathbb{Q}_{2^n})_{i=1, \dots, g} = (x_i^{\Sigma_0})_{i=1, \dots, g} \text{ of } T_0^*(A_1);$$

- Then the matrix of  $V^{q*}$  is similar to

$$\text{Norm}_{\mathbb{Q}_{2^n}/\mathbb{Q}_2}(M).$$

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- Generically, level 4  $(\theta_i^{A_0}/\theta_0^{A_0})_{i=1,\dots,g}$  gives local parameters in 0 of  $A_0$ ;
- Duplication formulas give expression for  $V_0$ ;
- So what's the problem?
  
- We lose because we are using  $4^g$  coordinates;
- We would like to stay in level 2 but...
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# The Kummer line

- $x_{A_0} = \theta_1^{A_0} / \theta_0^{A_0}$  local parameter in 0 of  $K_0 = A_0 / (-1) \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ ;
- Duplication give expression for  $V_0 : K_1 \rightarrow K_0$ :

$$x_{A_0} = \frac{(A+B)x_{A_1}^2 + A - B}{(A-B)x_{A_1}^2 + A + B},$$

A, B depend of level 2 theta constants of  $A_0$  and  $A_1$ . Then,

$$dx_{A_0} = dx_{A_1} \frac{4x_{AB}}{(A-B)x^2 + A + B}.$$

# The Kummer line

- It seems reasonable to obtain the action of the Frobenius as:

$$t = \text{Norm}_{\mathbb{Q}_{2^n}/\mathbb{Q}_2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{4xAB}{(A-B)x^2 + A+B}} \right).$$

- It works ! Trace of Frobenius morphism up to a sign:

$$t + 2^n/t.$$

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## Some difficulties

- For  $g \geq 2$ , the Kummer line is singular in 0;
- We still have a description of  $V_0 : A_1 \rightarrow A_0$
- $3 = \dim T_0^* K_0 \geq 2$ ;
- How to recover a  $2 \times 2$  matrix from a  $3 \times 3$  matrix?

# Tangent cone I

## Definition

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{M})$  be a local ring, its associated graduated ring is:

$$\mathrm{Gr}(R) = \bigoplus_i \mathfrak{M}^i / \mathfrak{M}^{i+1}.$$

## Definition

Let  $(V, \mathcal{O})$  an algebraic variety and  $x \in V$  a point with associated local ring  $(\mathcal{O}_x, \mathfrak{M})$ . The tangent cone  $T_x^c(V)$  of  $V$  in  $x$  is  $\mathrm{Spec}(\mathrm{Gr}(\mathcal{O}_x))$ .

## Remark

$\mathfrak{M} / \mathfrak{M}^2$  is the co-tangent space of  $V$  in  $x$ .

# Tangent cone II

## Definition

For  $P \in R = k[x_1, \dots, x_g]$  let  $P_0$  be its lowest degree homogeneous component. If  $I \subset R$  is an ideal let  $I_0$  be the ideal generated the set  $\{P_0, P \in I\}$ .

## Definition

If  $V$  is an affine variety over  $k$  with ring of functions  $k[x_1, \dots, x_g]/I$ . Suppose that  $0 \in V(k)$ ,  $T_0^c(V)$  is the affine variety defined by the ideal  $I_0$ .

## Tangent cone III

### Example

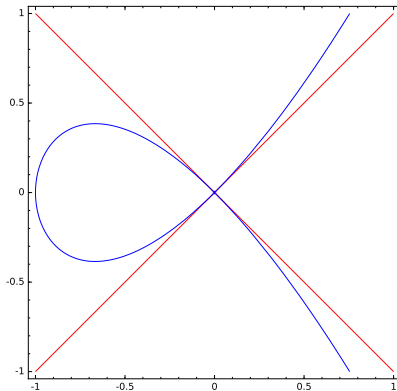
The affine curve:

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

has tangent cone in  $(0, 0)$ :

$$y^2 = x^2.$$

Limit of directions lines when  
approaching  $(0, 0)$ .



## Tangent cone IV

Tangent cone generalizes tangent space:

- If  $R$  is a regular local ring of dimension  $g$  then  $\text{Gr}(R) = k[x_1, \dots, x_g] \Rightarrow \text{Spec}(\text{Gr}(R))$  tangent space;
- The dimension of the tangent cone is equal to that of the variety;
- Functoriality property.

## Tangent cone and genus 2 Kummer variety

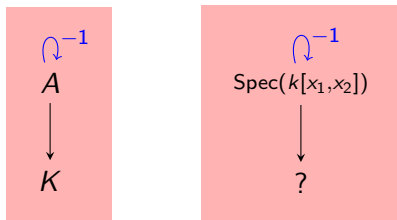
The genus 2 Kummer variety embedded in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with level 2 theta is given:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_4) = \sum a_i X^i,$$

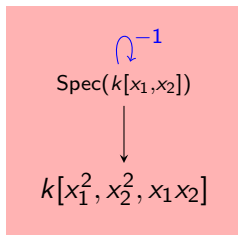
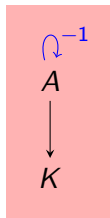
$f$  homogeneous,  $\deg f = 4$ . The theta null point  $(\theta_i)$  verify  $f(\theta_i) = 0$ . Compute its tangent cone:

- make affine:  $f_a(x_1, x_2, x_3) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, 1)$ ,  $\deg f_a = 4$ ;
- localize around the origin:  $f_{loc}(\vartheta_i) = f_a(x_i + \frac{\theta_i}{\theta_4})$ ;
- write  $f_{loc}(\vartheta_i) = \sum_j h_j(\vartheta_i)$ , where  $h_j$  degree  $i$  homogeneous component;
- $h_0 = h_1 = 0$ ,  $h_2(\vartheta_i) = Q_f(\vartheta_i) \neq 0$  is the quadratic equation of the tangent cone at the origin.

# An idea

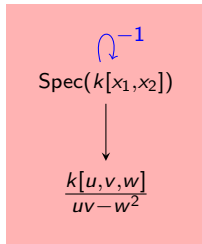
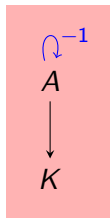


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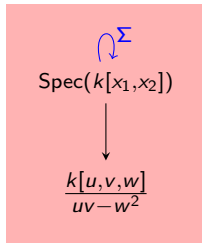
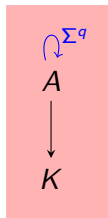




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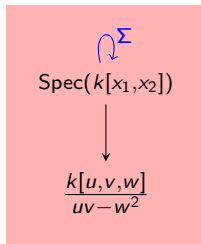
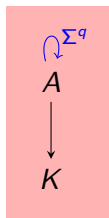
Action of  $\Sigma$  on  $k[x_1, x_2]$ :

$$\Sigma(x_1) = ax_1 + bx_2$$

$$\Sigma(x_2) = cx_2 + dx_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}_2(k)$$

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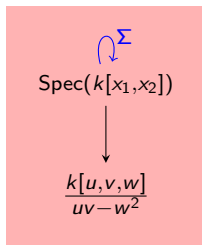
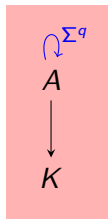
$$\Sigma(x_2^2) = c^2x_1^2 + d^2x_2^2 + 2cdx_1x_2$$

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$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & 2ab \\ c^2 & d^2 & 2cd \\ ac & db & (ad + bc) \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SO}(Q)$$

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Remark

From  $M$  we recover  $\pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

## A first result

### Proposition

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{M})$  be a dimension 2 regular local ring over  $k$  and let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $R$  which acts like  $(-1)$  on  $\mathfrak{M}/\mathfrak{M}^2$ . Then:

$$\kappa : \mathrm{Gr}(R^\sigma) \simeq (\mathrm{Gr}R)^\sigma.$$

### Remark

Let  $x_1, x_2$  be local parameters of  $R$ :

- $(\mathrm{Gr}R) = k[x_1, x_2]$ ,  $(\mathrm{Gr}R)^\sigma = k[x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2]$ ;
- If  $R$  is the local ring at origin of  $A$  then  $\mathrm{Gr}(R^\sigma)$  is the coordinate ring of  $T_0^c(K)$ ;
- Isomorphism between  $T_0^c(K)$  and "standard" tangent cone.

# An idea

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T_0^*(A_0), (x_1, x_2) & \xrightarrow{M(V_0^*) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}} & T_0^*(A_1), (x_1, x_2) \otimes_{\Sigma} \mathbb{Q}_{2^n} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 T_c^*(K_0), (x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1 x_2) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & 2ab \\ c^2 & d^2 & 2cd \\ ac & bd & ad + bc \end{pmatrix}} & T_c^*(K_1), (x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1 x_2) \otimes_{\Sigma} \mathbb{Q}_{2^n} \\
 \downarrow \kappa & & \downarrow \kappa \otimes_{\Sigma} \mathbb{Q}_{2^n} \\
 T_c^*(K_0), (\vartheta_i) & \xrightarrow{M_c(V_0^*)} & T_c^*(K_1), (\vartheta_i) \otimes_{\Sigma} \mathbb{Q}_{2^n}
 \end{array}$$

We want to compute:

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & 2ab \\ c^2 & d^2 & 2cd \\ ac & bd & ad + bc \end{pmatrix} = (M_{\kappa} \otimes_{\Sigma} \mathbb{Q}_{2^n})^{-1} M_c(V_0^*) M_{\kappa}.$$

## A second good news

Keeping the notations of the proposition:

### Proposition

The isomorphism  $\kappa : (\text{Gr}R^\sigma) \simeq (\text{Gr}R)^\sigma$  is linear. Let  $T$  be the matrix of this isomorphism in the basis  $(x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2)$  and  $(\vartheta_i)$ :

$${}^t T M(Q_f) T = M(Q),$$

$$M(Q_f)(\vartheta_i) \text{ matrix of } Q_f \text{ and } M(Q) = M(uv - w^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Because...

- $\kappa$  induce a linear isomorphism  $k[x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2] \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_{R^\sigma} / \mathfrak{M}_{R^\sigma}^2$ ;
- but such a linear isomorphism determines uniquely  $\kappa$ ;
- moreover  $\kappa^*(Q_f) = Q$ .



# Computing the matrix $M$

Computing  $M$ :

- $Q = uv - w^2$  is the orthogonal sum of an hyperbolic plane and definite one dimensional quadratic form;
- to compute  $M$ :
  - 1 find an isotropic vector  $v$  for  $Q_f$ ;
  - 2 take any  $w$  such that  $Q_f(v, w) \neq 0$ ;
  - 3 find  $\lambda$  such that  $w' = w + \lambda v$ ,  $Q_f(w') = 0$  and scale s.t.  $Q_f(v, w') = 1$ ;
  - 4 compute an orthogonal vector to the plane  $(v, w')$ .

## Finding an isotropic vector

- Use Gram-Schmidt : we have to solve
$$Q_f \sim aX^2 + bY^2 + cZ^2 \sim X^2 + baY^2 + caZ^2 = 0$$
- If  $-ba$  is a square  $\alpha^2$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_{2^n}$  then  $(\alpha, 1, 0)$  is a solution;
- If no we have to solve a norm equation in  $\mathbb{Q}_{2^n}(\sqrt{-ab})$ : efficient algorithm.

# A new problem

## Remark

*If  $M$  is such that  ${}^t M M(Q_f) M = M(Q)$  then for any  $T \in SO(Q)$   
 $MT$  is another solution !*

# The fix

## Proposition

We have an exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_{2^r}) \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathrm{SO}(Q) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & 2ab \\ c^2 & d^2 & 2cd \\ ac & bd & ad+bc \end{pmatrix}$$

# The fix II

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 T_0^*(A_0), (x'_1, x'_2) & \xrightarrow{T} & T_0^*(A_0), (x_1, x_2) & \xrightarrow{M(V_0^*)} & T_0^*(A_1), (x_1, x_2)^\Sigma & \xleftarrow{T^\Sigma} & T_0^*(A_1), (x'_1, x'_2)^\Sigma \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 T_c^*(K_0), (u', v', w') & \xrightarrow{\mu(T)} & T_c^*(K_0), (u, v, w) & \xrightarrow{\mu(M(V_0^*))} & T_c^*(K_1), (u, v, w)^\Sigma & \xrightarrow{\mu(T^\Sigma)} & T_c^*(K_1), (u', v', w')^\Sigma \\
 & \searrow \kappa' & \downarrow \kappa & & \downarrow \kappa^\Sigma & \swarrow \kappa'^\Sigma & \\
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 \end{array}$$

- what we are computing is  $\pm T M_\Sigma T^{\Sigma-1}$ ;
- taking the norm we obtain:  $\pm T M_{\Sigma^q} T^{-1}$  same similarity class as  $M_{\Sigma^q}$ .

## Description of the algorithm

- **Input** :  $(\theta_i)$  the theta null point of a canonical lift of  $J(X)$  (up to the right p-adic precision);
  - **Output** :  $\chi_1(X, T)$ ;
- 1 compute the quadratic equation  $Q_f$  of  $T_c(K_0)$ ;
  - 2 compute a matrix  $M$  such that  ${}^t M Q_f M = Q$ ;
  - 3 compute the matrix of  $M_c(V_0^*)$  of partial derivatives of the dual of the Frobenius;
  - 4 compute  $M_0 = M^{-1} M_c(V_0^*) M^\Sigma$ ;
  - 5 compute  $Norm_{\mathbb{Q}_{2n}/\mathbb{Q}_2}(M_0) = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 & 2ab \\ c^2 & d^2 & 2cd \\ ac & bd & ad+bc \end{pmatrix}$ ;
  - 6 recover  $M = \pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and compute  $\det(M - TI)$ .

## Some remarks

### Remark

- *It can be shown that the coefficients of  $M$  are in  $\mathbb{Q}_2^n$  and its trace and determinant are in  $\mathbb{Q}_2$ .*
- *The matrix  $T$  s.t.  ${}^t T M(Q_f) T = M(Q)$  is not in general defined over  $\mathbb{Q}_2^n$ . We have to work with the basis  $tx_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2$  in order to stay rational and pay attention to the fact that the Frobenius morphism is semi-linear.*

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## Normalized tangent cone

### Remark

*The normalized tangent cone has coordinate ring:*

$$k[x_i^2, x_i x_j | i = 1 \dots g, j = 1 \dots g] = \frac{k[u_i, w_{ij}]}{u_i u_j - w_{ij}^2}$$

*It is a  $g$ -dimensional variety embedded in a  $g(g+1)/2$  tangent space.*

The proof of the isomorphism is the same.

## A funny side remark

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*A consequence of the isomorphism is that the tangent space in 0 of  $K_0$  has dimension  $g(g + 1)/2$ .*

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# A problem

- The tangent cone is embedded in  $\mathbb{P}^{2g-1}$ ;
- Closed subvariety given by  $\mathcal{E}_1, \dots, \mathcal{E}_k$  equations  $k \geq 2g - 1 - g$ ;
- Let  $I_1 = (\mathcal{E}_{i,0})$ ;
- Problem  $I_1 \neq I_0 = \{P_0 | P \in I\}$ ;
- Burberger like algorithm to compute the tangent cone: very inefficient;
- In the  $\mathcal{E}_{i,0}$  there are:
  - at least  $2g - 1 - g(g + 1)/2$  linear equations  $\{\mathcal{E}_{i,0}\}_{i \in L}$ ;
  - equations of degree 2:  $\{\mathcal{E}_{i,0}\}_{i \in M}$ ;
  - equations of degree  $\geq 2$ .

# Tangent cone (almost) for free

## Proposition

*The degree 1 and 2 equations  $\{\mathcal{E}_{i,0}\}_{i \in L}$  and  $\{\mathcal{E}_{i,0}\}_{i \in M}$  generate the ideal of the tangent cone of  $K_0$ .*

- Normalized tangent cone:
  - has dimension  $g$ ;
  - $g(g-1)/2$  equations inside a space of dimension  $g(g+1)/2$ .
  - degree of the variety:  $2^{g(g-1)/2}$ .
- Kummer tangent cone  $T_c(K_0)$ :
  - at least  $g(g-1)/2$  equations;
  - of degree  $\geq 2$ , if equations of degree  $> 3$   
 $\deg(T_c(K_0)) > 2^{g(g-1)/2}$  contradiction.

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# Computation of the isomorphism of tangent cones

- The underlying problem is difficult but:
- no need to be smart: it involves computing with  $g \times g$  matrices;
- We have somewhat good solution involving computing determinant of matrices.

## A word about the complexity

- Dominant step : computation of the tangent space;
- Gaussian elimination in a matrix of dimension  $2^g$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^n}$  with precision  $n^{g/2}$ ;
- Time complexity:  $O(2^{3g} n^{g/2})$ .

# The end

Questions ?