## Cryptographic Smooth Neighbors

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## Requirements and smoothness probabilities in each case

|  | $n$ | $\log (r)$ | Probability of $B$-smooth $(r, r \pm 1)$ | Probability of $p^{2}-1$ $\log T^{\prime}$-bits $B$-smooth given $(r, r \pm 1)$ twin smooth | Extra Smoothness <br> Needed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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Table 2: Assuming that $(r, r \pm 1)$ are twin smooth integers and $p$ has $\log p$ bits, calculates the probability of having a $B$-smooth divisor $T^{\prime} \mid p^{2}-1$ of size $\approx p^{3 / 2}$.

Practical SQISign Results

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Remarks:

- This prime is out of scope for De Feo, Leroux and Wesolowski to find since they "maximised" the power of two in $p+1$
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## Table of primes

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NIST-I | 2 | 1211460311716772790566574529001291776 2091023014142971802357816084152713216 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 241 \\ & 243 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1091 \\ 887 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.67 \\ & 0.61 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.28 \\ & 1.28 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 3 | 3474272816789867297357824 10227318375788227199589376 21611736033260878876800000 20461449125500374748856320 26606682403634464748953600 | $\begin{aligned} & 246 \\ & 251 \\ & 254 \\ & 254 \\ & 255 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43 \\ & 31 \\ & 31 \\ & 46 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 547 \\ & 383 \\ & 421 \\ & 523 \\ & 547 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.54 \\ & 0.63 \\ & 0.66 \\ & 0.50 \\ & 0.58 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1.29 \\ & 1.31 \\ & 1.28 \\ & 1.26 \\ & 1.28 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 1466873880764125184 \\ 8077251317941145600 \\ 34848218231355211776^{*} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 243 \\ & 253 \\ & 261 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 49 \\ & 77 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 701 \\ 479 \\ 2311 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.54 \\ & 0.45 \\ & 0.62 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.28 \\ & 1.30 \\ & 1.30 \\ & \hline \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| NIST-III | 3 | 1374002035005713149550405343373848576 | 362 | 37 | 1277 | 0.97 | 1.25 |
|  | 4 | 5139734876262390964070873088 12326212283367463507272925184 18080754980295452456023326720 27464400309146790228660255744 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 370 \\ & 375 \\ & 377 \\ & 379 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 77 \\ & 61 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11789 \\ & 55967 \\ & 95569 \\ & 13127 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.41 \\ & 3.07 \\ & 5.07 \\ & 2.79 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.26 \\ & 1.31 \\ & 1.26 \\ & 1.29 \end{aligned}$ |
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| NIST-V | 4 | $114216781548581709439512875801279791104^{*}$ $123794274387474298912742543819242587136^{*}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \hline 507 \\ & 508 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 65 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 75941 \\ & 15263 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \hline 4.24 \\ & 3.01 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \hline 1.26 \\ & 1.29 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 6 | 9469787780580604464332800 <br> 12233468605740686007808000 <br> 26697973900446483680608256 <br> 31929740427944870006521856 <br> 41340248200900819056793600 | $\begin{aligned} & 499 \\ & 502 \\ & 508 \\ & 510 \\ & 512 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 109 \\ 73 \\ 85 \\ 91 \\ 67 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 703981 \\ & 376963 \\ & 150151 \\ & 550657 \\ & 224911 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 7.70 \\ & 8.41 \\ & 4.56 \\ & 8.15 \\ & 7.08 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.25 \\ & 1.28 \\ & 1.26 \\ & 1.25 \\ & 1.28 \end{aligned}$ |

Table 3: A table of SQISign parameters $p=p_{n}(r)$ found using twin-smooth integers ( $r, r \pm 1$ ) at each security level. The $f$ is the power of two dividing $\left(p^{2}-1\right) / 2$ and $B$ is the smoothness bound of the odd cofactor $T \approx p^{5 / 4+\epsilon}$. The $r$ marked with an asterisk correspond to primes $p$ not found using the CHM machinery.

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## New ideal PTE solutions of size 4

| $a$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $e$ | $a$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $e$ | $a$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $e$ |
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| 17 | 5 | 35 | 27 | 32 | 6620 | 1940 | 13289 | 10985 | 11664 | 22572 | 6660 | 47545 | 35152 | 44217 |
| 86 | 26 | 221 | 125 | 216 | 6830 | 2210 | 53261 | 9261 | 53240 | 22715 | 6755 | 50759 | 34295 | 48384 |
| 171 | 51 | 391 | 256 | 375 | 7398 | 2250 | 20125 | 10648 | 19773 | 23579 | 7619 | 176039 | 32000 | 175959 |
| 243 | 75 | 775 | 343 | 768 | 7749 | 2289 | 16459 | 12000 | 15379 | 26010 | 8070 | 88501 | 36501 | 87880 |
| 524 | 164 | 2009 | 729 | 2000 | 8021 | 2561 | 43931 | 10976 | 43875 | 26672 | 8720 | 314465 | 35937 | 314432 |
| 594 | 174 | 1189 | 1000 | 1029 | 8987 | 2915 | 76055 | 12167 | 76032 | 28170 | 8790 | 103429 | 39304 | 102885 |
| 605 | 185 | 1739 | 864 | 1715 | 10269 | 3129 | 28459 | 14739 | 28000 | 29358 | 8610 | 59245 | 48013 | 52728 |
| 965 | 305 | 4331 | 1331 | 4320 | 11556 | 3756 | 105481 | 15625 | 105456 | 31160 | 9320 | 72929 | 46305 | 70304 |
| 1463 | 455 | 5135 | 2048 | 5103 | 12015 | 3855 | 73759 | 16384 | 73695 | 31437 | 10185 | 255595 | 42592 | 255507 |
| 1602 | 510 | 8245 | 2197 | 8232 | 12386 | 3806 | 37541 | 17576 | 37125 | 31841 | 10421 | 396611 | 42875 | 396576 |
| 1790 | 530 | 3869 | 2744 | 3645 | 13076 | 3836 | 26441 | 21296 | 23625 | 33561 | 10461 | 121411 | 46875 | 120736 |
| 2471 | 791 | 14351 | 3375 | 14336 | 14472 | 4440 | 43105 | 20577 | 42592 | 33885 | 9945 | 68731 | 54880 | 61731 |
| 2628 | 780 | 5785 | 3993 | 5488 | 14573 | 4745 | 142715 | 19683 | 142688 | 34047 | 10335 | 90895 | 49152 | 89167 |
| 2889 | 909 | 12019 | 4000 | 11979 | 15930 | 4710 | 34069 | 24565 | 31944 | 35684 | 10604 | 79289 | 54000 | 75449 |
| 3608 | 1160 | 23345 | 4913 | 23328 | 17153 | 5525 | 116675 | 23328 | 116603 | 37638 | 12330 | 493885 | 50653 | 493848 |
| 3735 | 1095 | 7519 | 6144 | 6655 | 18074 | 5894 | 189029 | 24389 | 189000 | 39542 | 12410 | 158045 | 54872 | 157437 |
| 3962 | 1190 | 9605 | 5832 | 9317 | 19214 | 5954 | 64349 | 27000 | 63869 | 40871 | 13271 | 359471 | 55296 | 359375 |
| 4455 | 1335 | 10591 | 6591 | 10240 | 20195 | 5915 | 40391 | 34391 | 34560 | 41445 | 12465 | 101659 | 60835 | 98784 |
| 5027 | 1595 | 24215 | 6912 | 24167 | 22095 | 7215 | 245791 | 29791 | 245760 | 44099 | 14459 | 608039 | 59319 | 608000 |
| 5049 | 1629 | 36019 | 6859 | 36000 | 22473 | 6765 | 55555 | 32928 | 54043 |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4: List of all inequivalent and normalised sized 4 ideal PTE solutions of the form $[0, a, a, c]={ }_{3}[b, b, d, e]$ with $0<b<a<50000$ and $c, d, e>0$.

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${ }^{6}$ Moreover, we conjecture that these polynomials are irreducible for all $i, j \geq 2$

## Practical Results

255-bit prime $p=p_{3,2}(r)$ with $r=5964933197580566528$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
p+1= & 2 \cdot 3^{5} \cdot 19 \cdot 31^{2} \cdot 37^{2} \cdot 67 \cdot 83^{2} \cdot 89^{2} \cdot 113^{2} \cdot 157^{4} \cdot 173^{2} \cdot 233 \\
& \cdot 487^{2} \cdot 641 \cdot R, \text { and } \\
p-1= & 2^{48} \cdot 11^{3} \cdot 29^{2} \cdot 47^{3} \cdot 53^{3} \cdot 79 \cdot 131^{3} \cdot 331^{3} \cdot 349^{3} \cdot 439^{3} \\
& \cdot 691 \cdot R^{\prime}
\end{aligned}
$$

382-bit prime $p=p_{3,2}(r)$ with $r=24412952691406071260714369024$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
p+1= & 2 \cdot 3^{7} \cdot 7^{10} \cdot 19^{6} \cdot 67^{2} \cdot 131 \cdot 241^{2} \cdot 313^{2} \cdot 379^{2} \cdot 641 \cdot 883^{2} \\
& \cdot 1103^{2} \cdot 1117^{2} \cdot 2689 \cdot 11177 \cdot R, \text { and } \\
p-1= & 2^{66} \cdot 5 \cdot 13^{3} \cdot 17^{3} \cdot 23^{3} \cdot 41^{3} \cdot 59^{3} \cdot 61^{3} \cdot 83^{6} \cdot 127 \cdot 389 \cdot 491^{3} \\
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The general strategies deployed to find these primes can be applied in future applications

# Merci pour votre attention Questions? 

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ A number $n$ is $B$-smooth if all the prime factors of $n$ are at most $B$

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