Cryptography I, homework sheet 11

Due: 11 December 2014, 10:45

Team up in groups of two or three to hand in your homework. We do not have capacity to correct all homeworks individually. To submit your homework, email it to crypto14@tue.nl or place it on the lecturer's table before the lecture. Do not email Tanja or put homework in mailboxes.

This is a good moment to figure out how your pocket calculator can do computations modulo biggish primes.

1. Compute the twisted Edwards curve corresponding to the Montgomery curve $v^2 = u^3 + 486662u^2 + u$ over $\mathbb{F}_{2^{20}-3}$.

The point P = (2, 117777) is on the Montgomery curve. Compute the point corresponding to 2P on the twisted Edwards curves by

- (a) computing 2P on the Montgomery curve and mapping the result to the twisted Edwards curve and
- (b) computing the point P' corresponding to P on the Edwards curve and then computing 2P' on the twisted Edwards curve.

The results from these two ways of computing should be equal. Check that they are on the twisted Edwards curve.

2. Consider the short Weierstrass equation $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$. Show that the curve is not an elliptic curve, i.e. the curve is singular, if and only if $4a^3 - 27b^2 = 0$. You can use that $y^2 = f(x)$ is singular if and only if gcd(f, f') is $\neq 0$ and is not constant. Note that here the field does not have characteristic 2 or 3.