

# Twisted Hessian Curves

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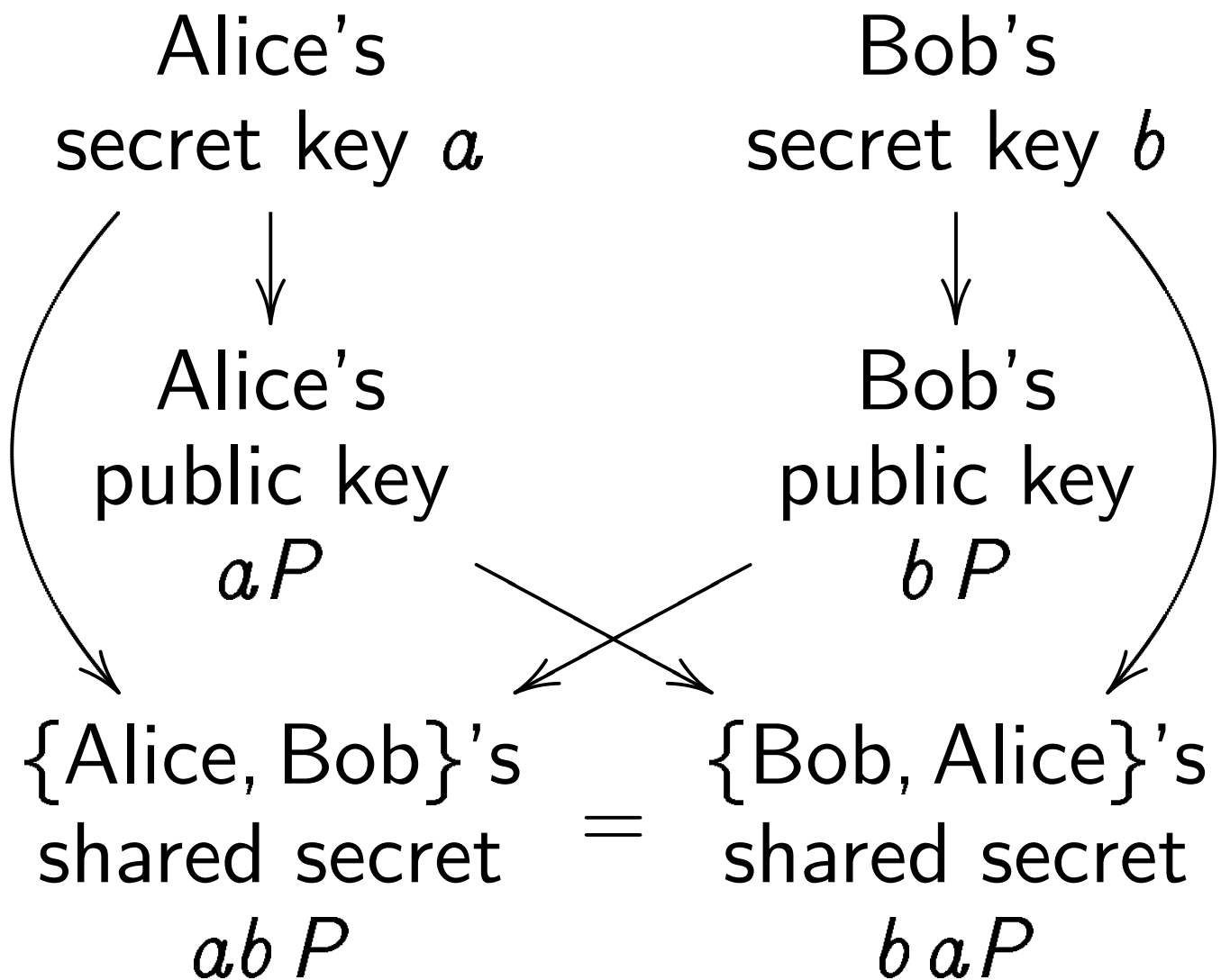
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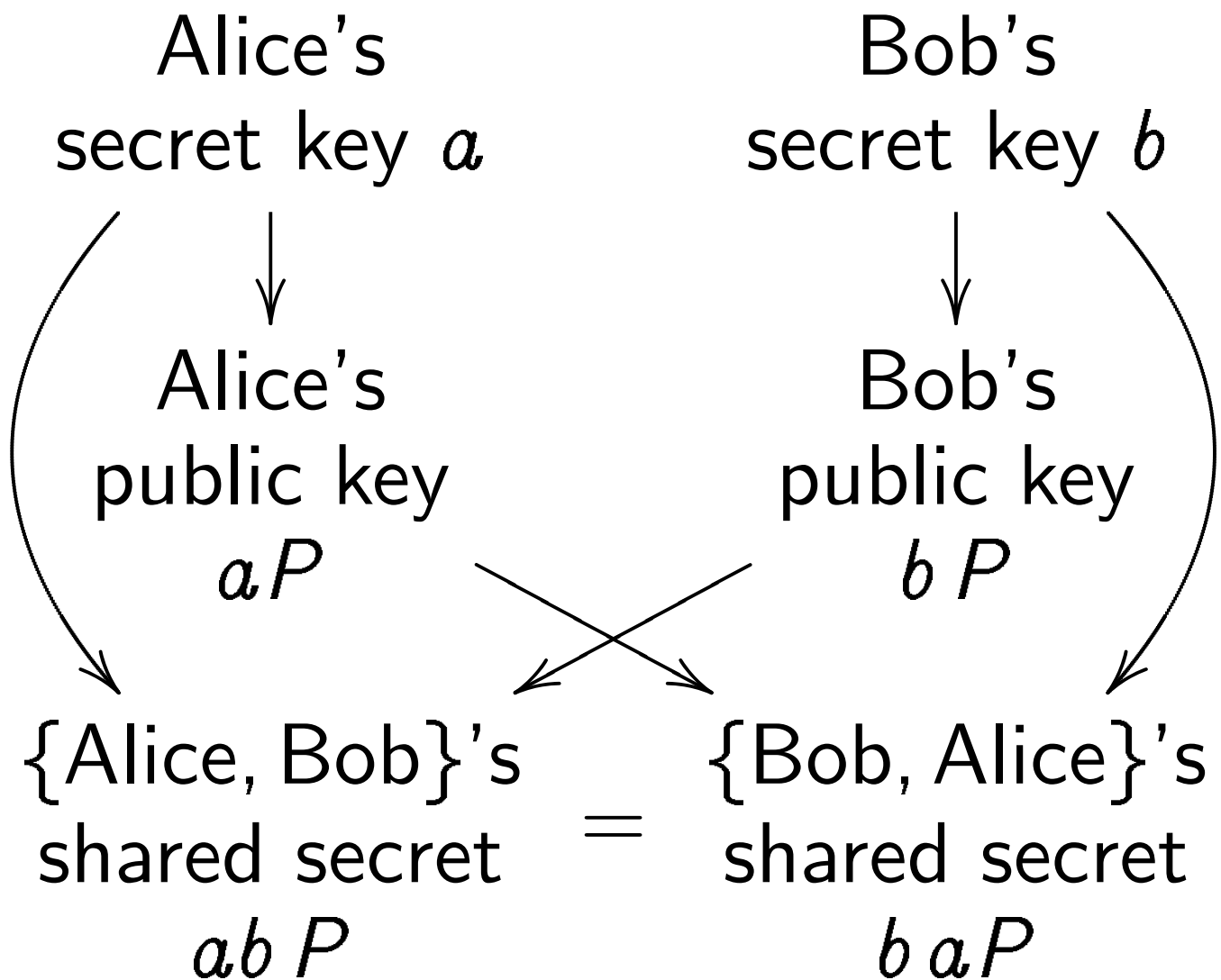
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What does  $P$  look like &  
how to compute  $P + Q$ ?

## Usual lecture on ECC

Can use any field  $k$ .

Can use any nonsingular curve

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6.$$

“Nonsingular”: no  $(x, y) \in \bar{k} \times \bar{k}$  simultaneously satisfies

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6 \text{ and } 2y + a_1x + a_3 = 0$$

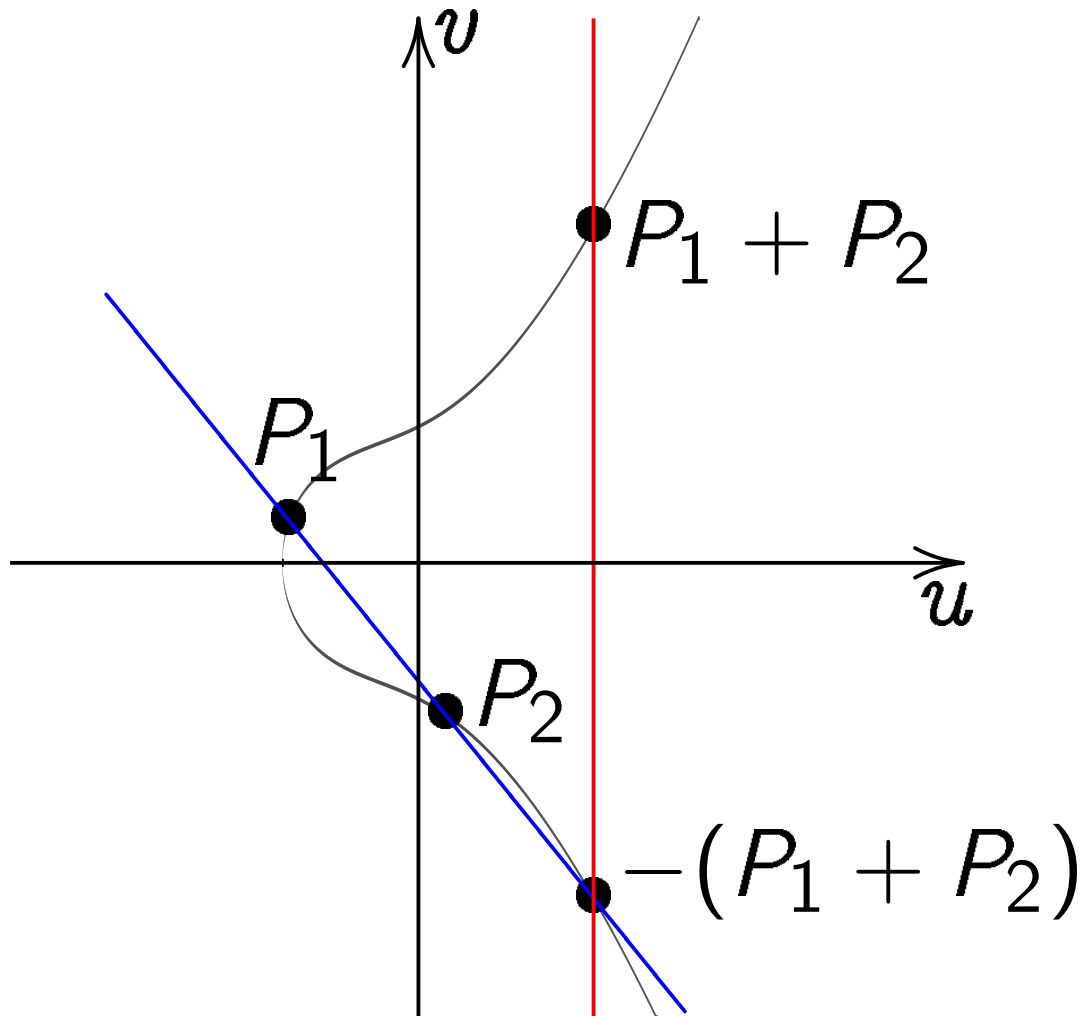
and  $a_1y = 3x^2 + 2a_2x + a_4$ .

Easy to check nonsingularity.

Almost all curves are nonsingular when  $k$  is large.

# Addition on Weierstrass curve

$$v^2 = u^3 + u^2 + u + 1$$



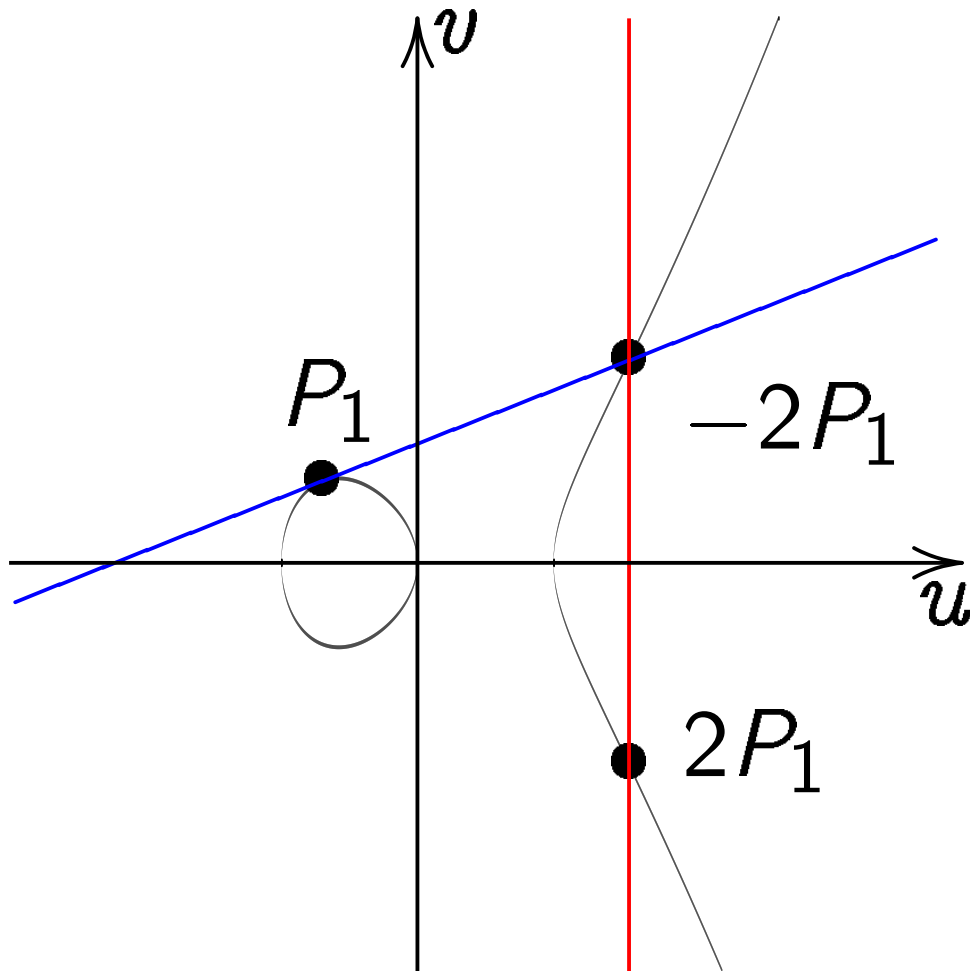
Slope  $\lambda = (v_2 - v_1)/(u_2 - u_1)$ .

Disaster if  $u_1 = u_2$ .

Crypto needs to deal with adversarial inputs.

# Doubling on Weierstrass curve

$$v^2 = u^3 - u$$



Slope  $\lambda = (3u_1^2 - 1)/(2v_1)$ .

Disaster if  $v_1 = 0$ .

In most cases

$$(u_1, v_1) + (u_2, v_2) = (u_3, v_3) \text{ where } (u_3, v_3) = (\lambda^2 - u_1 - u_2, \lambda(u_1 - u_3) - v_1).$$

$u_1 \neq u_2$ , “addition” (alert!):

$$\lambda = (v_2 - v_1) / (u_2 - u_1).$$

Total cost **1I + 2M + 1S**.

$(u_1, v_1) = (u_2, v_2)$  and  $v_1 \neq 0$ ,

“doubling” (alert!):

$$\lambda = (3u_1^2 + 2a_2u_1 + a_4) / (2v_1).$$

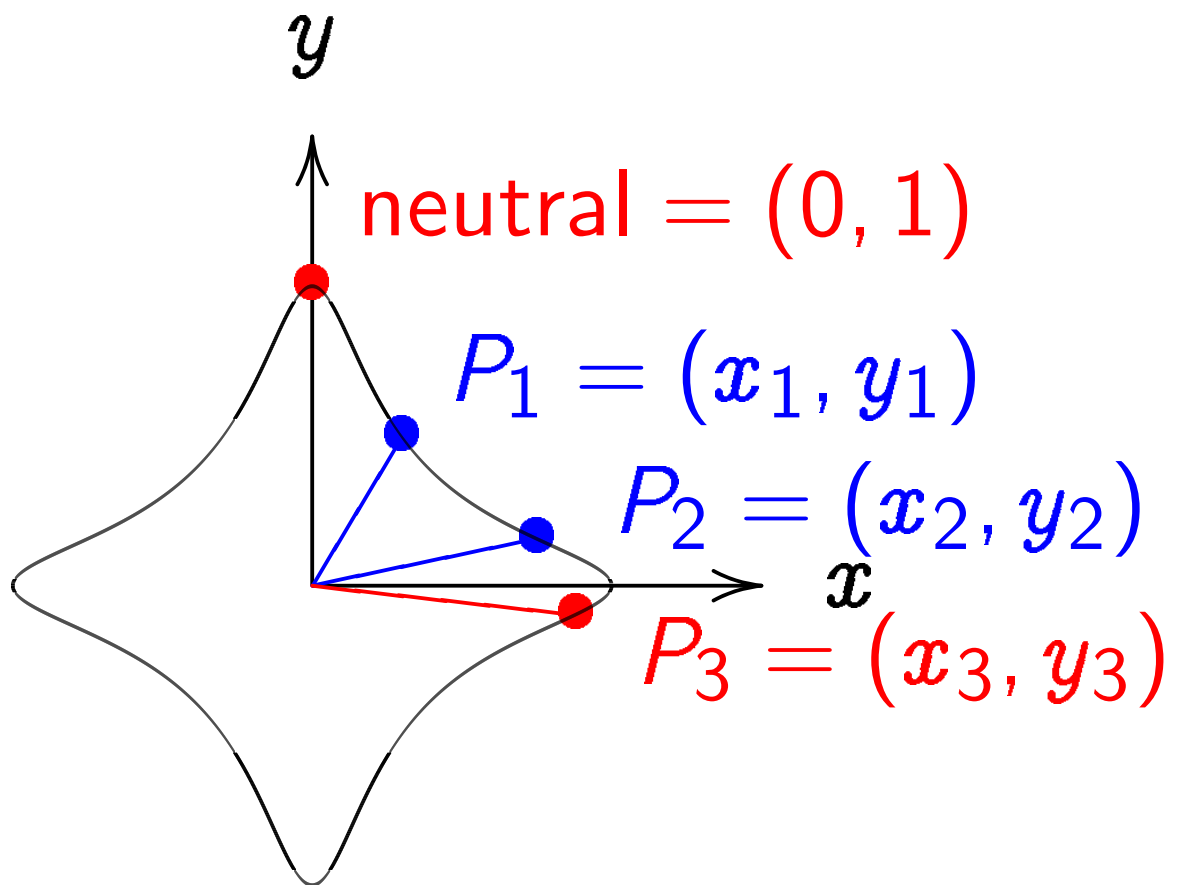
Total cost **1I + 2M + 2S**.

Also handle some exceptions:

$(u_1, v_1) = (u_2, -v_2)$ ;  $\infty$  as input.

# Fun lecture on ECC (=Edwards)

Change the curve on which Alice and Bob work.



$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 - 30x^2y^2.$$

Sum of  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is

$$\left( \frac{(x_1y_2 + y_1x_2)}{(1 - 30x_1x_2y_1y_2)}, \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{(y_1y_2 - x_1x_2)}{(1 + 30x_1x_2y_1y_2)} \right).$$



The Edwards addition law

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = \\ \left( \frac{(x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2)}{(1 - 30 x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2)}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{(y_1 y_2 - x_1 x_2)}{(1 + 30 x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2)} \right)$$

is a group law for the curve

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 - 30x^2y^2.$$

Some calculation required:

addition result is on curve;

addition law is associative.

Other parts of proof are easy:

addition law is commutative;

$(0, 1)$  is neutral element;

$$(x_1, y_1) + (-x_1, y_1) = (0, 1).$$

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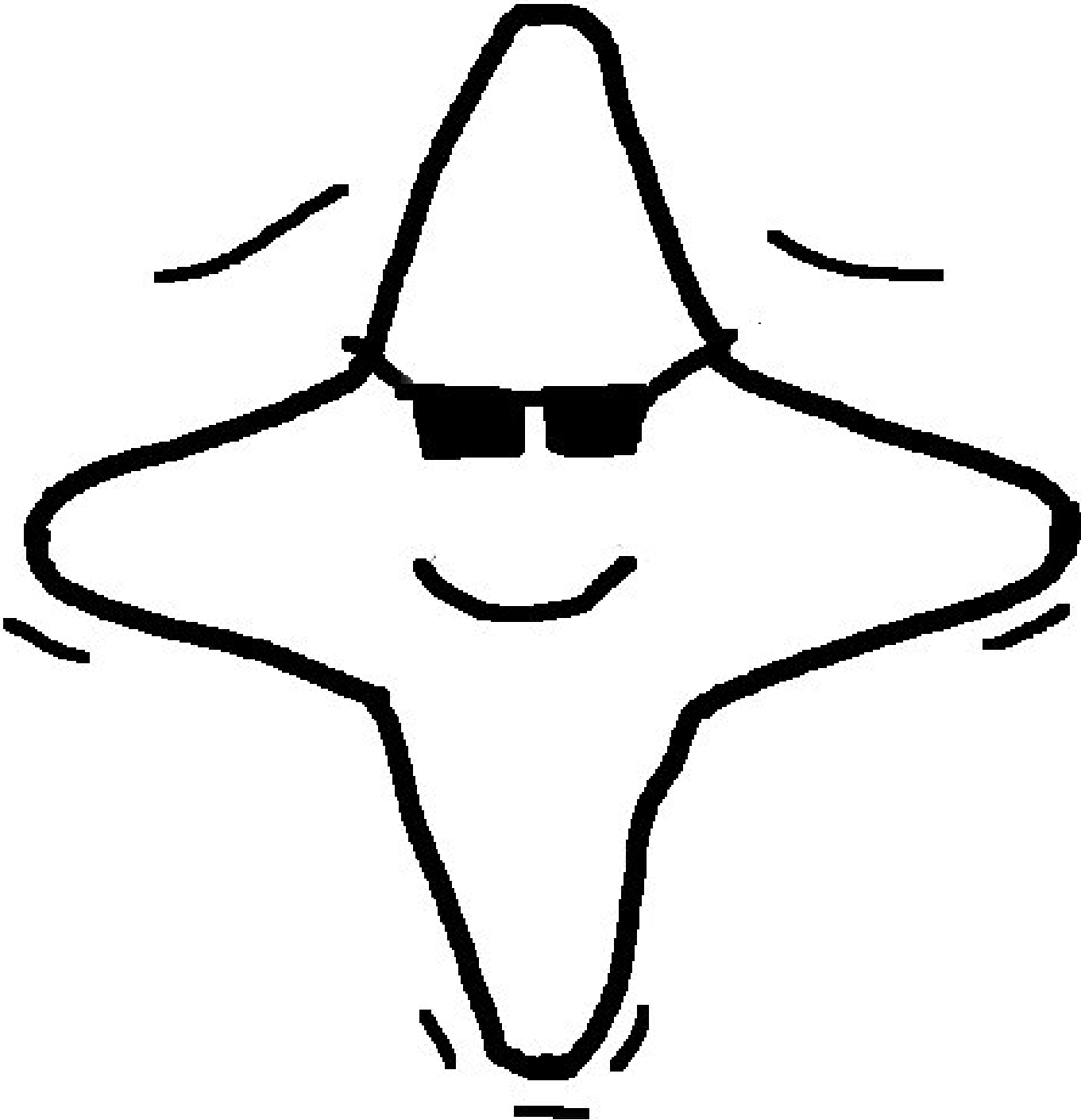
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The proof relies on  
choosing *non-square*  $d$   
in  $x^2 + y^2 = 1 + dx^2y^2$ .

Edwards curves are cool



1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky,  
“Sequences of numbers  
generated by addition  
in formal groups  
and new primality  
and factorization tests” :

“The crucial problem becomes  
the choice of the model  
of an algebraic group variety,  
where computations mod  $p$   
are the least time consuming.”

Most important computations:

ADD is  $P, Q \mapsto P + Q$ .

DBL is  $P \mapsto 2P$ .

“It is preferable to use models of elliptic curves lying in low-dimensional spaces, for otherwise the number of coordinates and operations is increasing. This limits us . . . to 4 basic models of elliptic curves.”

Short Weierstrass:

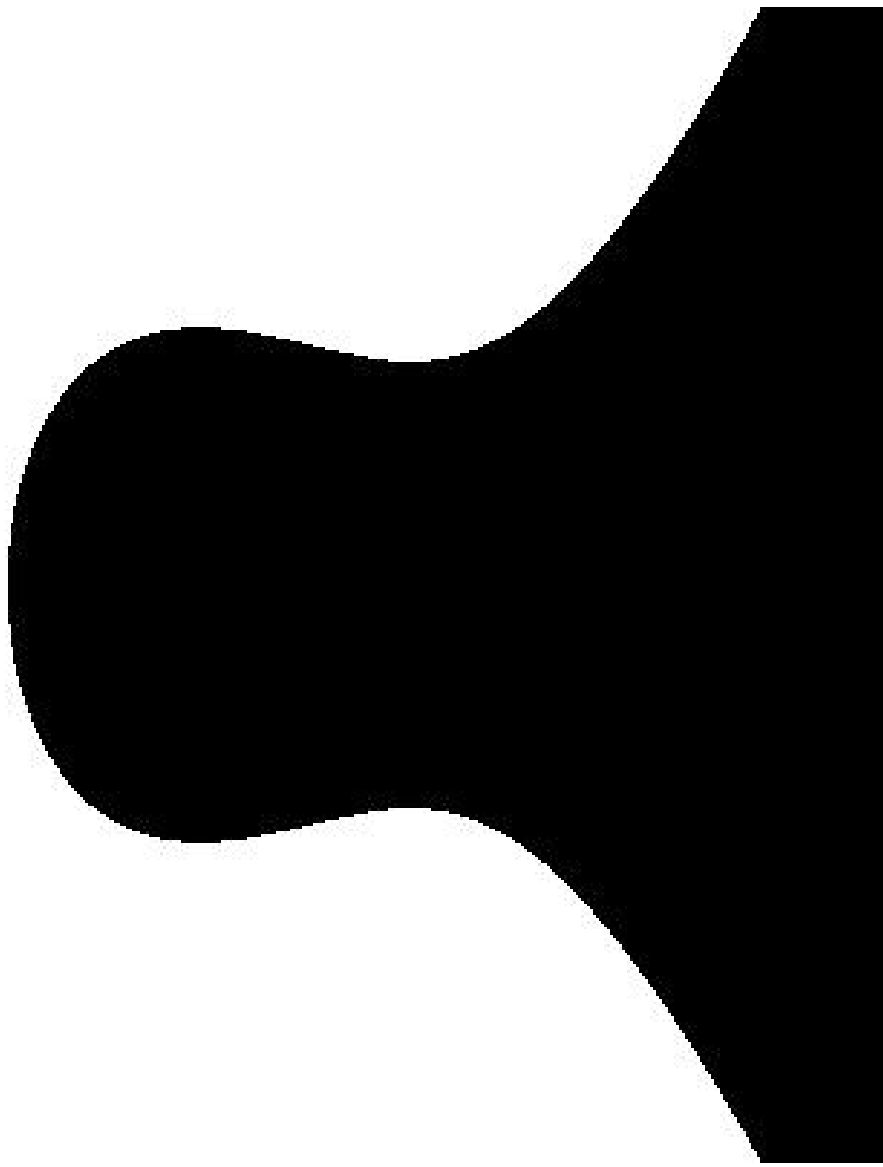
$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b.$$

Jacobi intersection:

$$s^2 + c^2 = 1, \quad as^2 + d^2 = 1.$$

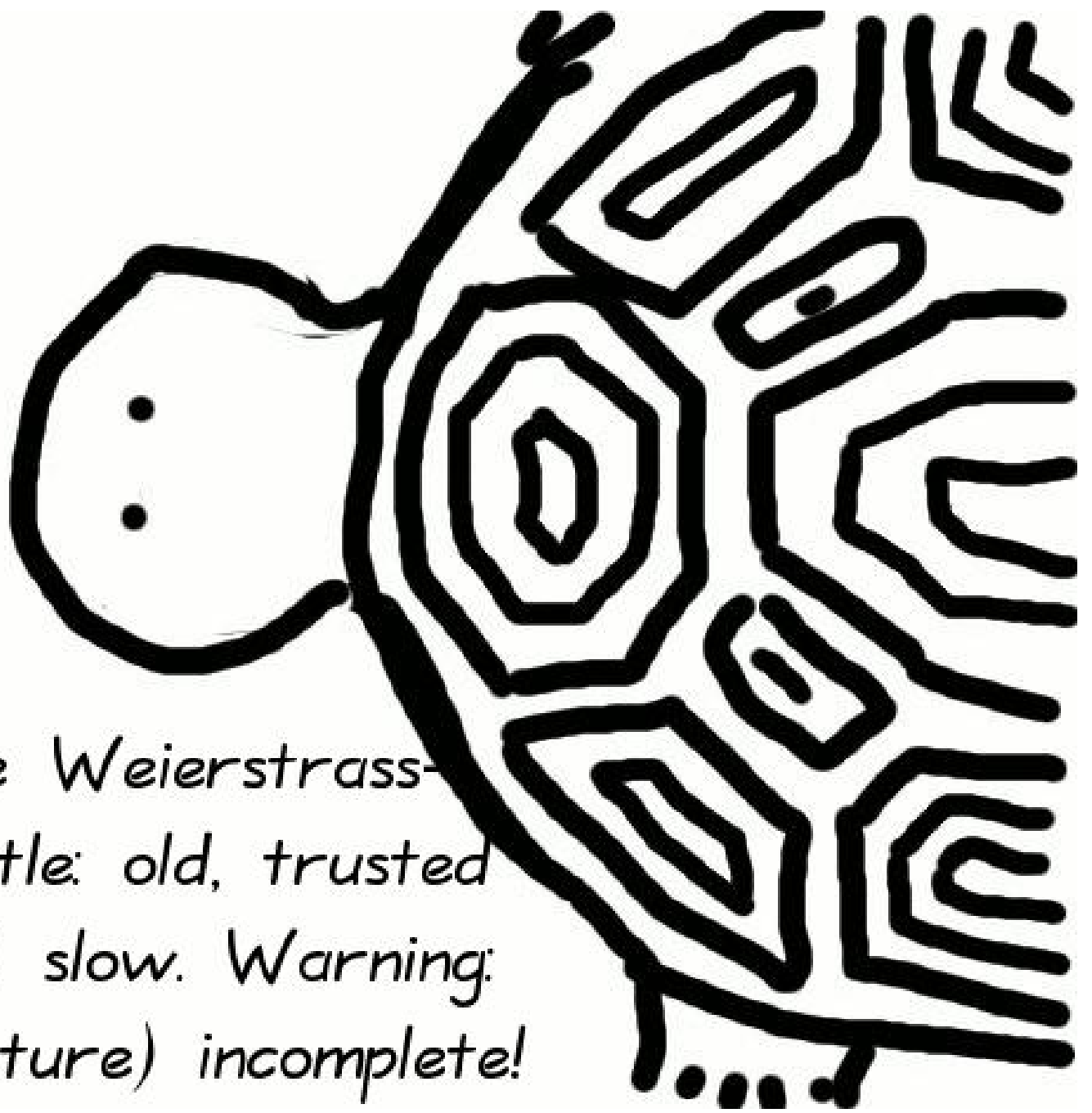
Jacobi quartic:  $y^2 = x^4 + 2ax^2 + 1.$

Hessian:  $x^3 + y^3 + 1 = 3dxy.$

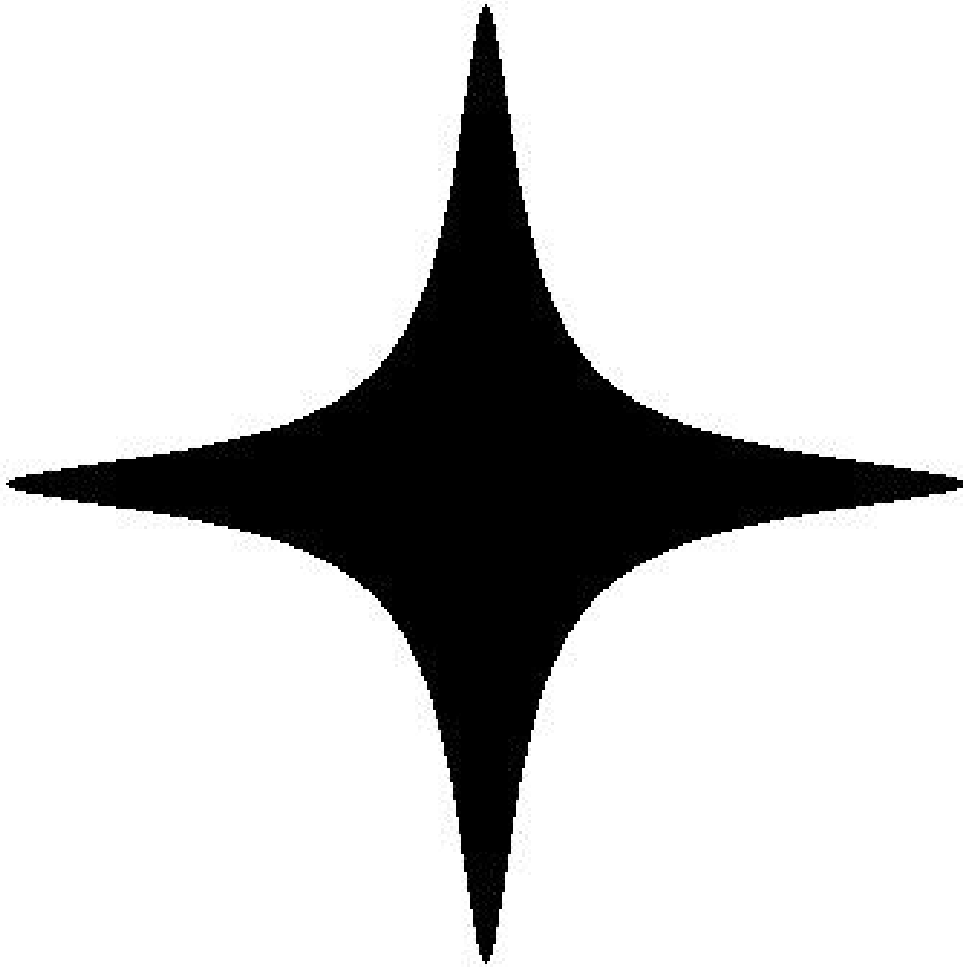


$$y^2 = x^3 - 0.4x + 0.7$$

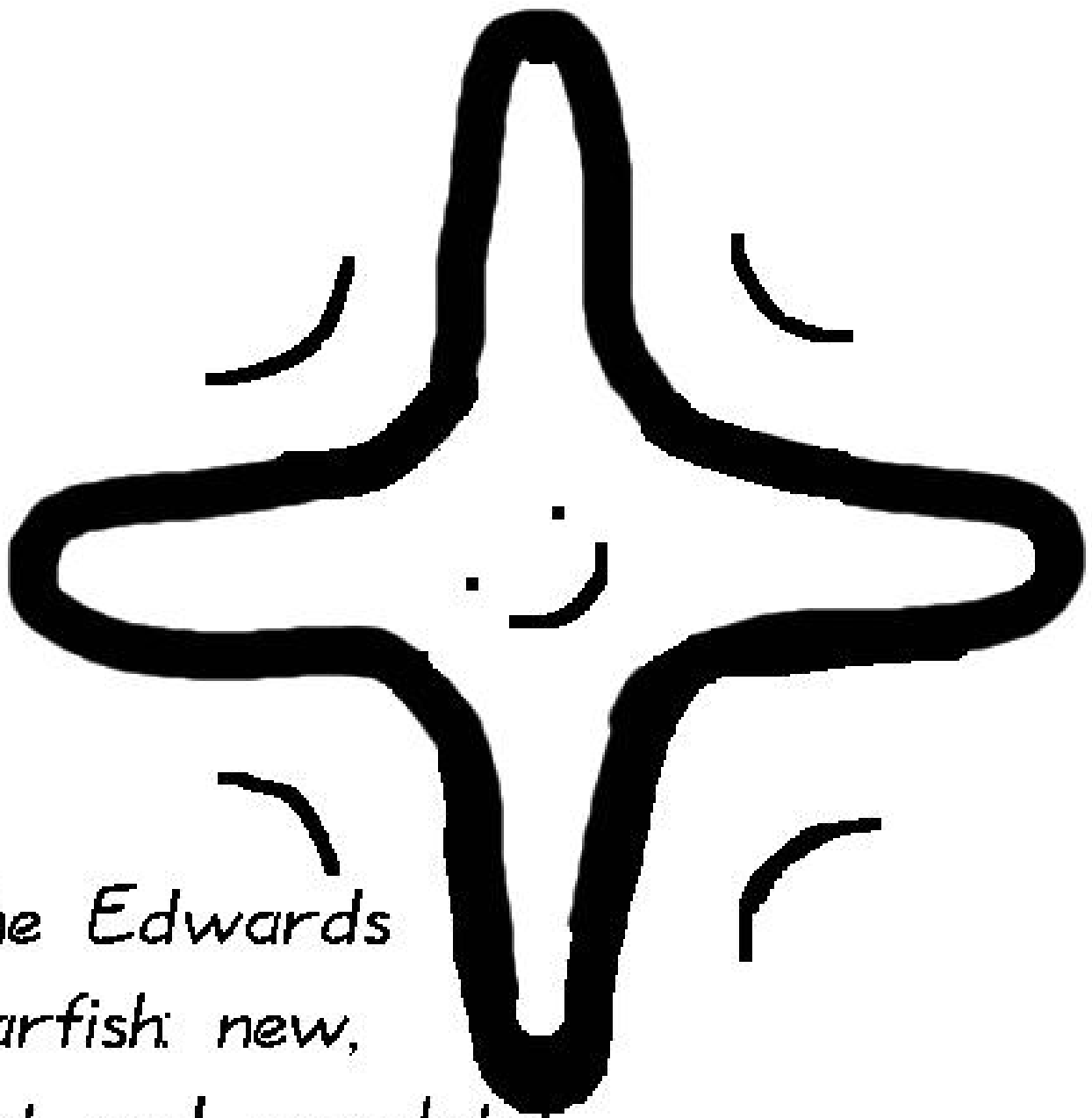




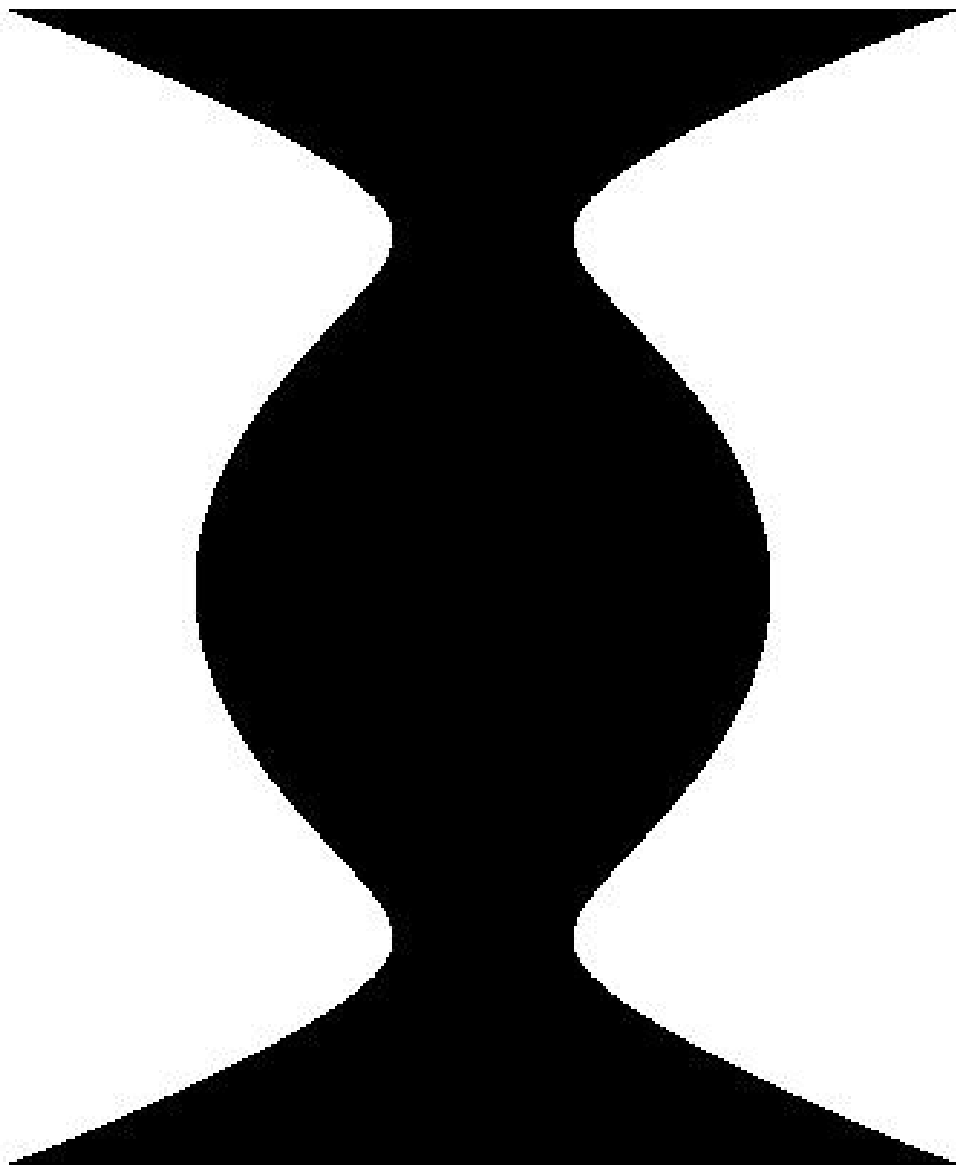
The Weierstrass-  
turtle: old, trusted  
and slow. Warning:  
(picture) incomplete!



$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 - 300x^2y^2$$

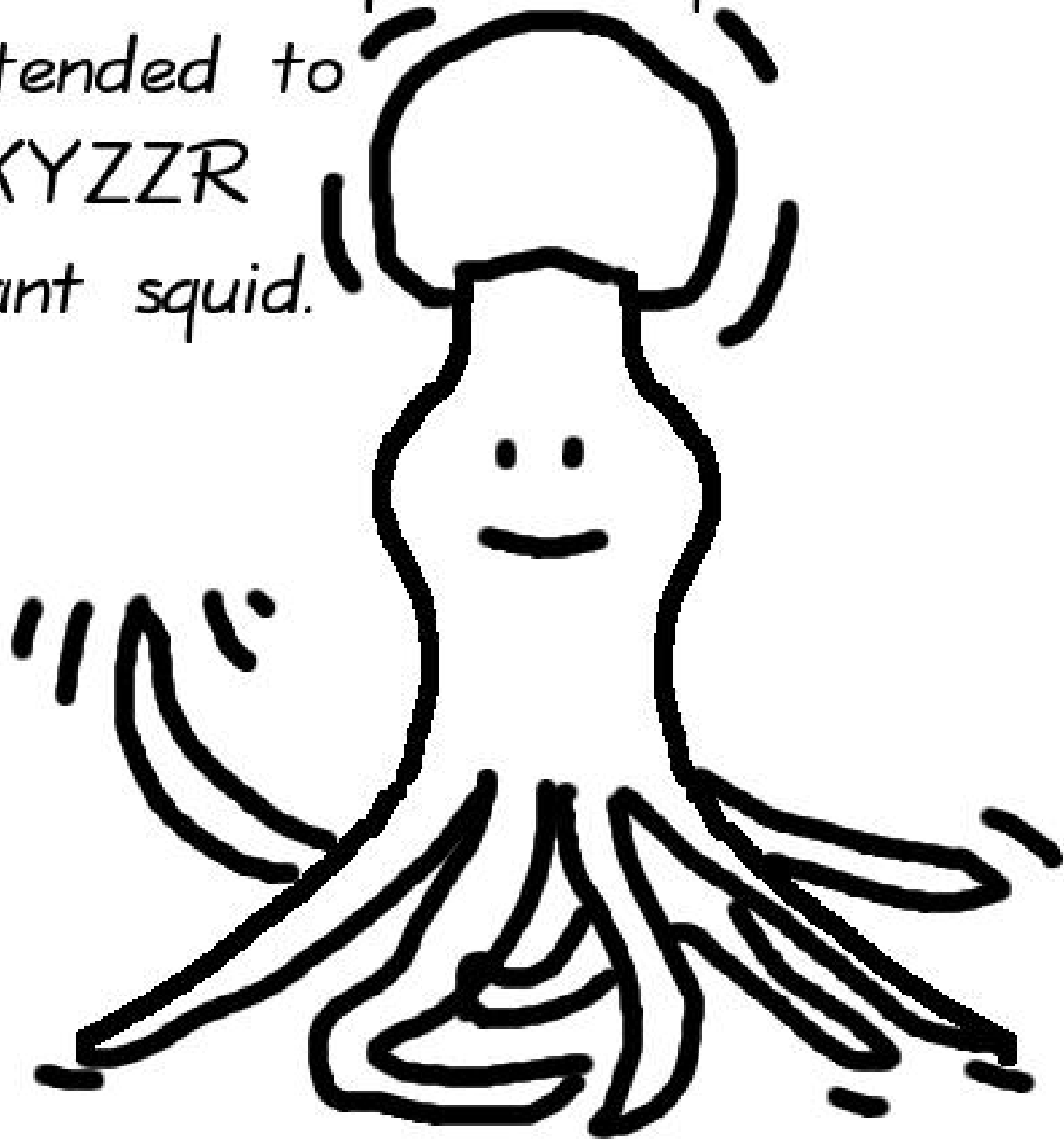


*The Edwards  
starfish: new,  
fast and complete!*



$$x^2 = y^4 - 1.9y^2 + 1$$

The Jacobi-quartic squid: can be  
extended to  
 $XXYZZR$   
giant squid.



# Hessian curves $X^3 + Y^3 + Z^3 = dXYZ$

Credited to Sylvester

by 1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

$$X_3 = Y_1 X_2 \cdot Y_1 Z_2 - Z_1 Y_2 \cdot X_1 Y_2,$$

$$Y_3 = X_1 Z_2 \cdot X_1 Y_2 - Y_1 X_2 \cdot Z_1 X_2,$$

$$Z_3 = Z_1 Y_2 \cdot Z_1 X_2 - X_1 Z_2 \cdot Y_1 Z_2.$$

2001 Joye–Quisquater:

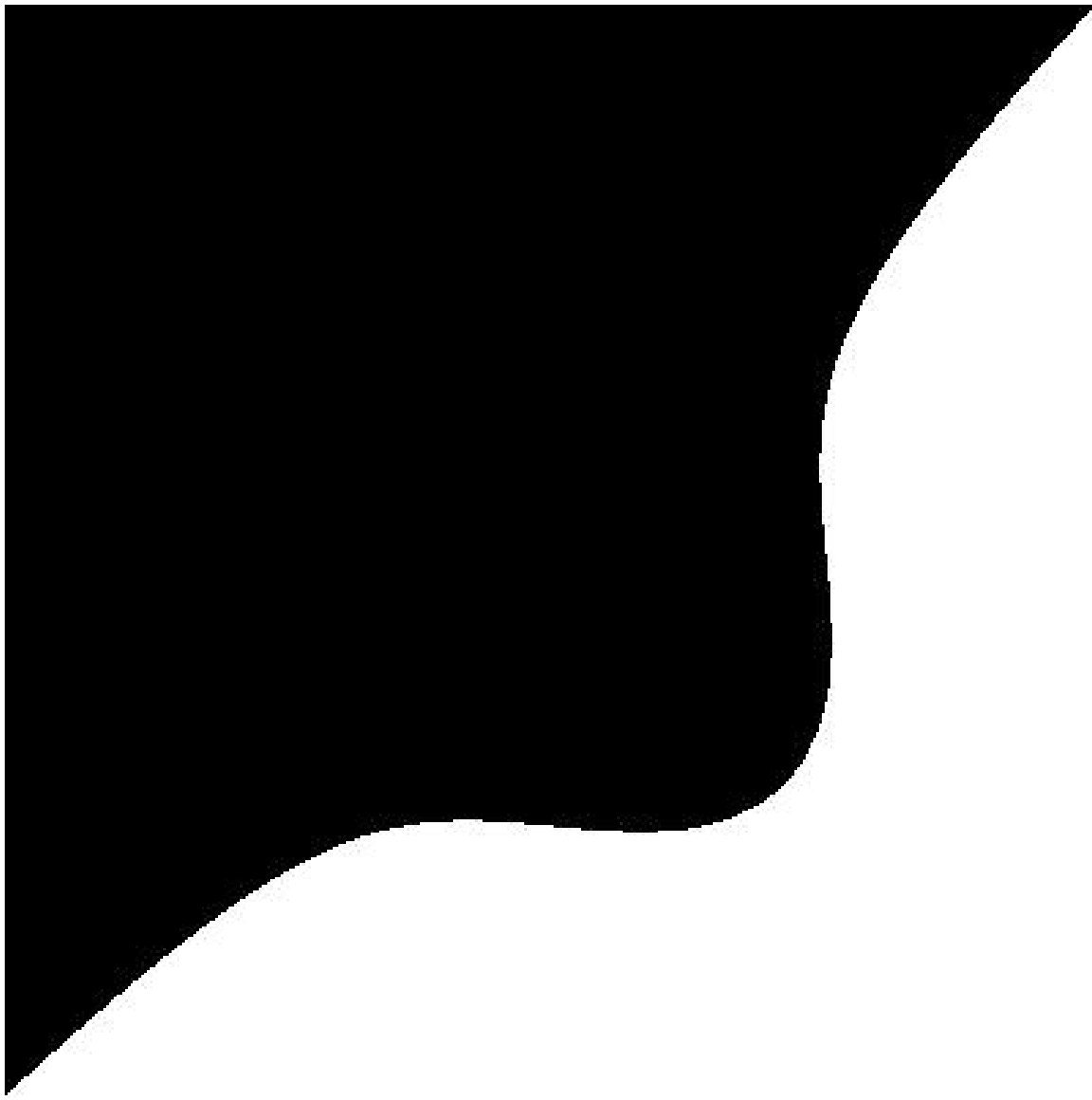
$$2(X_1 : Y_1 : Z_1) =$$

$$(Z_1 : X_1 : Y_1) + (Y_1 : Z_1 : X_1)$$

so can use ADD to double.

“Unified addition formulas,”  
helpful against side channels.

But need to permute inputs.



$$x^3 - y^3 + 1 = 0.3xy$$

The Hessian-ray: uniform



but  
not strongly so



START



1985



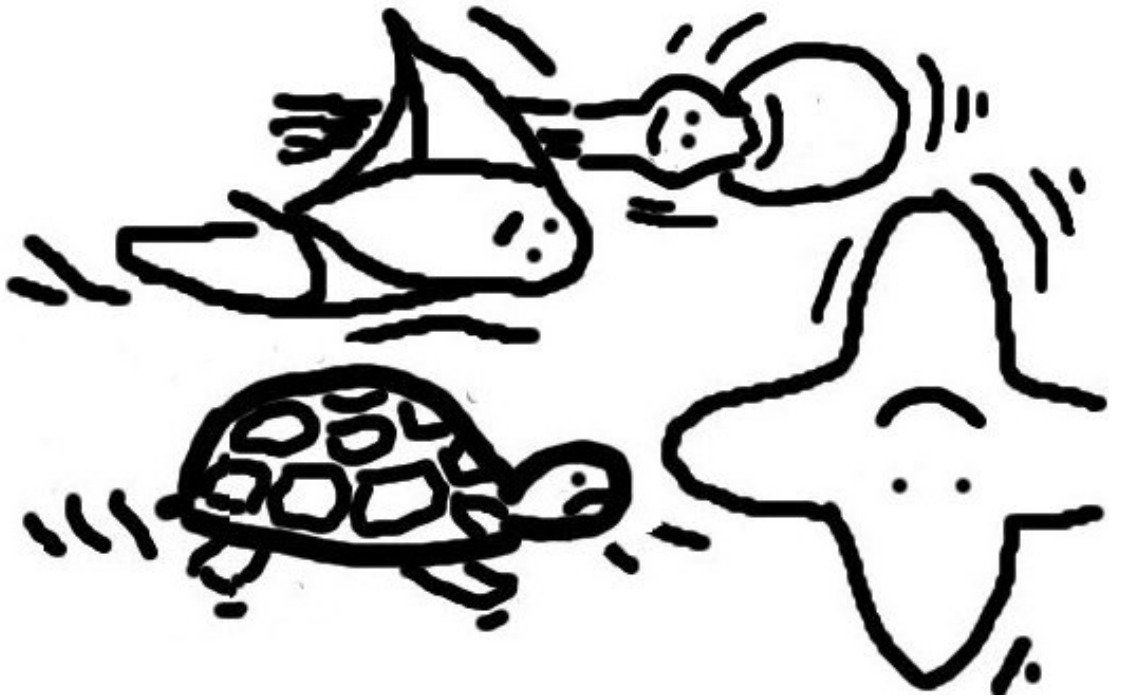
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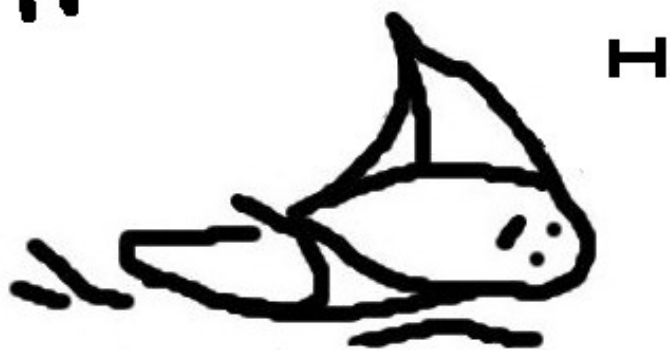
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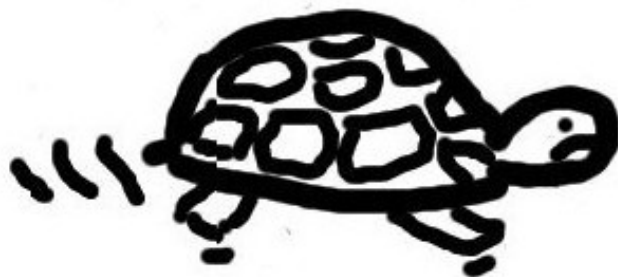
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# Zoom



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# Twisted Hessian curves

2009 Bernstein–Kohel–Lange

2015 B–Chuengsatiansup–K–L

Permute coordinates, introduce parameter  $a$ .

$H/k : aX^3 + Y^3 + Z^3 = dXYZ$ ,  
with  $a(27a - d^3) \neq 0$ .

Use  $(0:-1:1)$  as neutral element.

$-(X_1 : Y_1 : Z_1) = (X_1 : Z_1 : Y_1)$ .

Addition

$$X_3 = X_1^2 Y_2 Z_2 - X_2^2 Y_1 Z_1,$$

$$Y_3 = Z_1^2 X_2 Y_2 - Z_2^2 X_1 Y_1,$$

$$Z_3 = Y_1^2 X_2 Z_2 - Y_2^2 X_1 Z_1.$$

Fails for doubling.

Rotated addition

$$X'_3 = Z_2^2 X_1 Z_1 - Y_1^2 X_2 Y_2,$$

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$$Z'_3 = a X_2^2 X_1 Y_1 - Z_1^2 Y_2 Z_2.$$

Works for doubling.

Works for any two points if  $a$  is not a cube in  $k$ .

Complete addition law for twisted Hessian curves.

Addition much faster than on Weierstrass curves.

Doubling not much slower.

Very efficient tripling formulas.



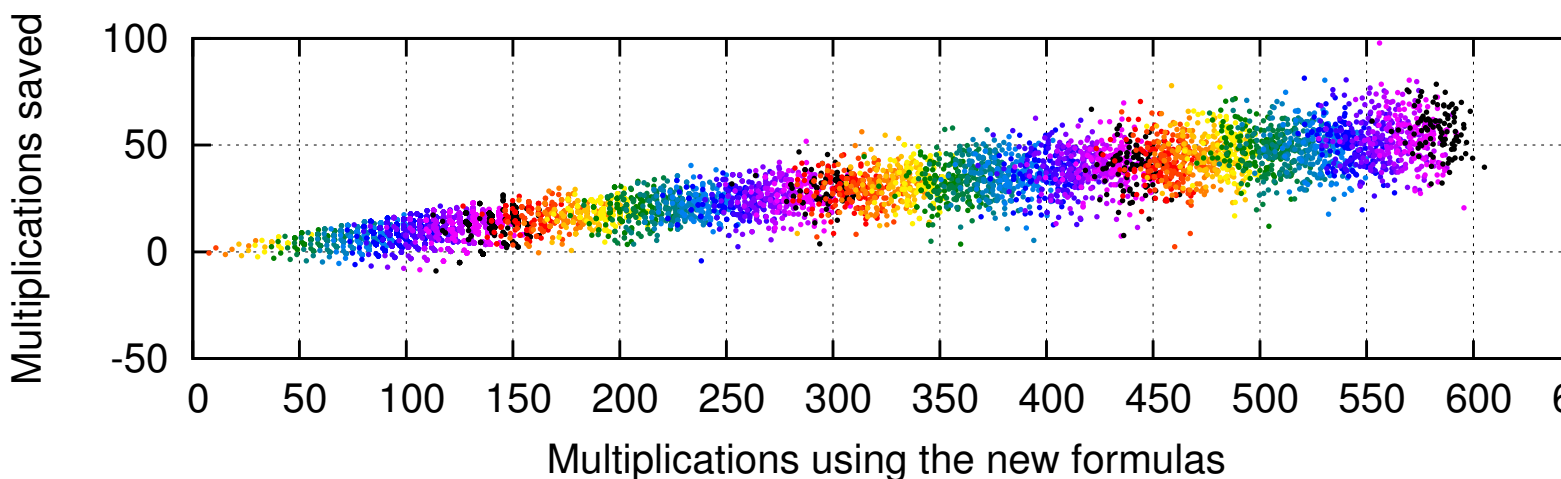
# Results

Faster than Weierstrass.

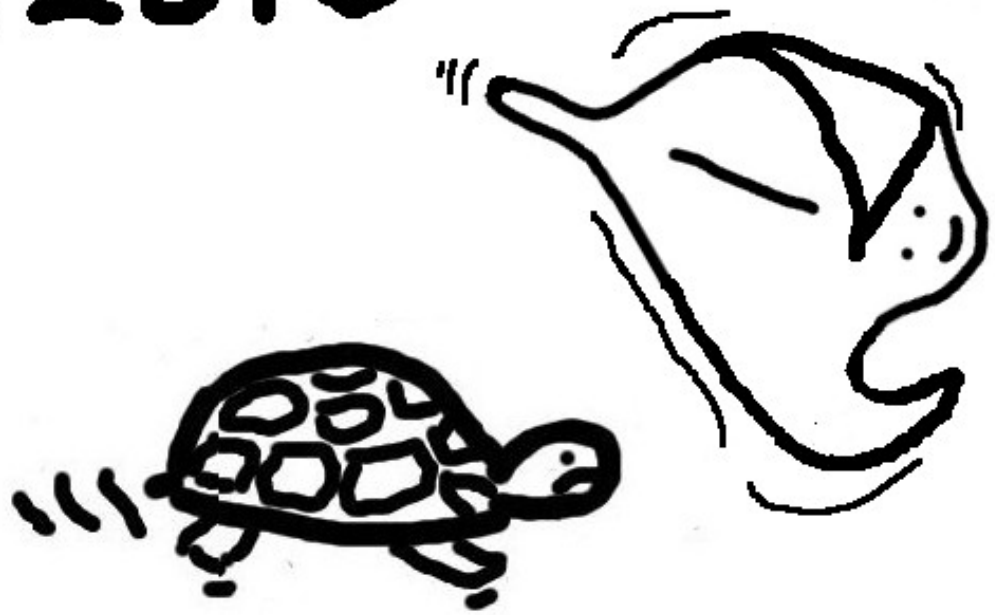
Paper has double-base chain algorithm to use DBL and TPL.

Not good for constant time,  
fine for signature verification,  
factorization, math, . . .

Comparison with Weierstrass  
showing multiplications saved  
vs. bitlength of scalar.



# Mar 2015



Twisted Hessian curves beat  
Weierstrass!  
First time cofactor 3 helps.

## Something completely different

1985 H. Lange–Ruppert:

$A(\bar{k})$  has a complete system  
of addition laws, degree  $\leq (3, 3)$ .

Symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  degree  $\leq (2, 2)$ .

“The proof is nonconstructive. . . .

To determine explicitly a  
complete system of addition laws  
requires tedious computations  
already in the easiest case  
of an elliptic curve  
in Weierstrass normal form.”

1985 Lange–Ruppert:  
Explicit complete system  
of 3 addition laws  
for short Weierstrass curves.

Reduce formulas to 53 monomials  
by introducing extra variables

$$x_i y_j + x_j y_i, x_i y_j - x_j y_i.$$

1987 Lange–Ruppert:  
Explicit complete system  
of 3 addition laws  
for long Weierstrass curves.

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_3^{(2)} = & Y_1^2 Y_2^2 + a_1 X_2 Y_1^2 Y_2 + (a_1 a_2 - 3a_3) X_1 X_2^2 Y_1 \\
& + a_3 Y_1^2 Y_2 Z_2 - (a_2^2 - 3a_4) X_1^2 X_2^2 \\
& + (a_1 a_4 - a_2 a_3)(2X_1 Z_2 + X_2 Z_1) X_2 Y_1 \\
& + (a_1^2 a_4 - 2a_1 a_2 a_3 + 3a_3^2) X_1^2 X_2 Z_2 \\
& - (a_2 a_4 - 9a_6) X_1 X_2 (X_1 Z_2 + X_2 Z_1) \\
& + (3a_1 a_6 - a_3 a_4)(X_1 Z_2 + 2X_2 Z_1) Y_1 Z_2 \\
& + (3a_1^2 a_6 - 2a_1 a_3 a_4 + a_2 a_3^2 + 3a_2 a_6 - a_4^2) X_1 Z_2 (X_1 Z_2 + 2X_2 Z_1) \\
& - (3a_2 a_6 - a_4^2)(X_1 Z_2 + X_2 Z_1)(X_1 Z_2 - X_2 Z_1) \\
& + (a_1^3 a_6 - a_1^2 a_3 a_4 + a_1 a_2 a_3^2 - a_1 a_4^2 + 4a_1 a_2 a_6 - a_3^3 - 3a_3 a_6) Y_1 Z_1 Z_2^2 \\
& + (a_1^4 a_6 - a_1^3 a_3 a_4 + 5a_1^2 a_2 a_6 + a_1^2 a_2 a_3^2 - a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 - a_1 a_3^3 - 3a_1 a_3 a_6 \\
& - a_1^2 a_4^2 + a_2^2 a_3^2 - a_2 a_4^2 + 4a_2^2 a_6 - a_3^2 a_4 - 3a_4 a_6) X_1 Z_1 Z_2^2 \\
& + (a_1^2 a_2 a_6 - a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 + 3a_1 a_3 a_6 + a_2^2 a_3^2 - a_2 a_4^2 \\
& + 4a_2^2 a_6 - 2a_3^2 a_4 - 3a_4 a_6) X_2 Z_1^2 Z_2 \\
& + (a_1^3 a_3 a_6 - a_1^2 a_3^2 a_4 + a_1^2 a_4 a_6 + a_1 a_2 a_3^3 \\
& + 4a_1 a_2 a_3 a_6 - 2a_1 a_3 a_4^2 + a_2 a_3^2 a_4 \\
& + 4a_2 a_4 a_6 - a_3^4 - 6a_3^2 a_6 - a_4^3 - 9a_6^2) Z_1^2 Z_2^2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_3^{(2)} = & 3X_1 X_2 (X_1 Y_2 + X_2 Y_1) + Y_1 Y_2 (Y_1 Z_2 + Y_2 Z_1) + 3a_1 X_1^2 X_2^2 \\
& + a_1 (2X_1 Y_2 + Y_1 X_2) Y_1 Z_2 + a_1^2 X_1 Z_2 (2X_2 Y_1 + X_1 Y_2) \\
& + a_2 X_1 X_2 (Y_1 Z_2 + Y_2 Z_1) \\
& + a_2 (X_1 Y_2 + X_2 Y_1) (X_1 Z_2 + X_2 Z_1) \\
& + a_1^3 X_1^2 X_2 Z_2 + a_1 a_2 X_1 X_2 (2X_1 Z_2 + X_2 Z_1) \\
& + 3a_3 X_1 X_2^2 Z_1 + a_3 Y_1 Z_2 (Y_1 Z_2 + 2Y_2 Z_1) \\
& + 2a_1 a_3 X_1 Z_2 (Y_1 Z_2 + Y_2 Z_1) \\
& + 2a_1 a_3 X_2 Y_1 Z_1 Z_2 + a_4 (X_1 Y_2 + X_2 Y_1) Z_1 Z_2 \\
& + a_4 (X_1 Z_2 + X_2 Z_1) (Y_1 Z_2 + Y_2 Z_1) \\
& + (a_1^2 a_3 + a_1 a_4) X_1 Z_2 (X_1 Z_2 + 2X_2 Z_1) + a_2 a_3 X_2 Z_1 (2X_1 Z_2 + X_2 Z_1) \\
& + a_3^2 Y_1 Z_1 Z_2^2 + (a_3^2 + 3a_6) (Y_1 Z_2 + Y_2 Z_1) Z_1 Z_2 \\
& + a_1 a_3^2 (2X_1 Z_2 + X_2 Z_1) Z_1 Z_2 + 3a_1 a_6 X_1 Z_1 Z_2^2 \\
& + a_3 a_4 (X_1 Z_2 + 2X_2 Z_1) Z_1 Z_2 + (a_3^3 + 3a_3 a_6) Z_1^2 Z_2^2.
\end{aligned}$$

1995 Bosma–Lenstra:  
Explicit complete system  
of 2 addition laws  
for long Weierstrass curves:

$$X_3, Y_3, Z_3, X'_3, Y'_3, Z'_3$$

$$\in \mathbf{Z}[a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_6,$$

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Actually, slide shows

$\text{Publish}(Y'_3), \text{Publish}(Z'_3),$

where Publish introduces typos.



What this means:

For all fields  $k$ ,

all  $\mathbf{P}^2$  Weierstrass curves

$$E/k : Y^2Z + a_1XYZ + a_3YZ^2 = X^3 + a_2X^2Z + a_4XZ^2 + a_6Z^3,$$

all  $P_1 = (X_1 : Y_1 : Z_1) \in E(k)$ ,

all  $P_2 = (X_2 : Y_2 : Z_2) \in E(k)$ :

$(X_3 : Y_3 : Z_3)$

is  $P_1 + P_2$  or  $(0 : 0 : 0)$ ;

$(X'_3 : Y'_3 : Z'_3)$

is  $P_1 + P_2$  or  $(0 : 0 : 0)$ ;

at most one of these is  $(0 : 0 : 0)$ .

2009 Bernstein–Lange:

For all fields  $k$  with  $2 \neq 0$ ,

all  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  Edwards curves  $E/k$  :

$$X^2T^2 + Y^2Z^2 = Z^2T^2 + dX^2Y^2,$$

all  $P_1, P_2 \in E(k)$ ,

$$P_1 = ((X_1 : Z_1), (Y_1 : T_1)),$$

$$P_2 = ((X_2 : Z_2), (Y_2 : T_2)):$$

$(X_3 : Z_3)$  is  $x(P_1 + P_2)$  or  $(0 : 0)$ ;

$(X'_3 : Z'_3)$  is  $x(P_1 + P_2)$  or  $(0 : 0)$ ;

$(Y_3 : T_3)$  is  $y(P_1 + P_2)$  or  $(0 : 0)$ ;

$(Y'_3 : T'_3)$  is  $y(P_1 + P_2)$  or  $(0 : 0)$ ;

at most one of these is  $(0 : 0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
X_3 &= X_1 Y_2 Z_2 T_1 + X_2 Y_1 Z_1 T_2, \\
Z_3 &= Z_1 Z_2 T_1 T_2 + d X_1 X_2 Y_1 Y_2, \\
Y_3 &= Y_1 Y_2 Z_1 Z_2 - X_1 X_2 T_1 T_2, \\
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\\
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Y'_3 &= X_1 Y_1 Z_2 T_2 - X_2 Y_2 Z_1 T_1, \\
T'_3 &= X_1 Y_2 Z_2 T_1 - X_2 Y_1 Z_1 T_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Much, much, much simpler than  
Lange–Ruppert, Bosma–Lenstra.  
Also much easier to prove.

# 2015 Bernstein–Chuengsatiansup– Kohel–Lange:

Twisted Hessian curves  $H/k$  :

$$aX^3 + Y^3 + Z^3 = dXYZ \text{ in } \mathbf{P}^2:$$

$$X_3 = X_1^2 Y_2 Z_2 - X_2^2 Y_1 Z_1,$$

$$Y_3 = Z_1^2 X_2 Y_2 - Z_2^2 X_1 Y_1,$$

$$Z_3 = Y_1^2 X_2 Z_2 - Y_2^2 X_1 Z_1.$$

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At most one of these is  $(0 : 0 : 0)$ .

Coincide if both defined.