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An Improvement of Twisted Ate Pairing with Barreto-Naehrig Curve by using Frobenius Mapping

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1. Introduction

Recently, pairing-based cryptographic applications such as ID-based cryptography (Boneh et al., 2001) and group signature scheme (Nakanishi & Funabiki, 2005) have received much attention. In order to make it practical, various pairings such as Ate pairing (Cohen & Frey, 2005), *subfield-twisted* pairing (Matsuda et al., 2007) and *subfield-twisted* Ate pairing (Devegili et al., 2007) have been proposed. This paper focuses on *twisted-Ate* pairing with Barreto-Naehrig (BN) curve (Barreto & Naehrig, 2005). As a typical feature of BN curve whose embedding degree is 12, its characteristic p , its order r , and Frobenius trace t are respectively given with *integer variable* χ as follows.

$$p(\chi) = 36\chi^4 - 36\chi^3 + 24\chi^2 - 6\chi + 1, \quad (1a)$$

$$r(\chi) = 36\chi^4 - 36\chi^3 + 18\chi^2 - 6\chi + 1, \quad (1b)$$

$$t(\chi) = 6\chi^2 + 1. \quad (1c)$$

Pairing calculation usually consists of two parts, one is Miller's algorithm calculation and the other is so-called *final exponentiation*. Let E be BN curve of characteristic p , Miller's algorithm of *twisted-Ate* pairing calculates $f_{s,P}(Q) f_{s,P}(Q)$, where s is given by $(t-1)^2 \bmod r$, P and Q are rational points in certain subgroups of order r in $E(F_p)$ and $E(F_{p^{12}})$, respectively. In this case, $(t-1)^2 \bmod r$ becomes

$$(t-1)^2 \bmod r = 36\chi^3 - 18\chi^2 + 6\chi - 1 \quad (2)$$

it corresponds to the number of iterations of Miller's algorithm. In addition, the hamming weight of $(t-1)^2 \bmod r$ is preferred to be small for Miller's algorithm to be fast carried out. This paper proposes an improvement of Miller's algorithm.

In the improvement, we use the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} (t-1)^2 &\equiv 36\chi^3 - 18\chi^2 + 6\chi - 1 \\ &\equiv 6\chi^2(6\chi - 3) + 6\chi - 1 \equiv p(6\chi - 3) + 6\chi - 1 \bmod r, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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where $p \equiv t-1 = 6\chi^2 \pmod{r}$. First, calculate $f_{6\chi-3,p}(Q)$ by Miller's algorithm, then calculate $f_{6\chi-1,p}(Q)$ by using the result of the preceding calculation. Then, using the result, calculate $f_{p,(6\chi-3)p}(Q)$ for which Frobenius mapping in extension field $F_{p^{12}}$ with respect to prime field F_p is efficiently applied. In detail, since p is the characteristic of F_{p^m} , Frobenius mapping does not need any arithmetic operations when the extension field has fast Frobenius mapping such as OEF (Bailey & Paar, 1998). After that, the authors show some simulation results from which we find that the improvement shown in this paper efficiently accelerates *twisted-Ate* pairing including *final exponentiation* about 14.1%. Throughout this paper, p and k denote characteristic and extension degree, respectively. F_{p^k} denotes k -th extension field over F_p and $F_{p^k}^*$ denotes its multiplicative group.

2. Fundamentals

This section briefly reviews elliptic curve, *twisted-Ate* pairing, and divisor theorem.

2.1 Elliptic curve and BN curve

Let F_p be prime field and E be an elliptic curve over F_p . $E(F_p)$ that is the set of rational points on the curve, including the *infinity point* O , forms an additive Abelian group. Let $\#E(F_p)$ be its order, consider a large prime number r that divides $\#E(F_p)$. The smallest positive integer k such that r divides p^k-1 is especially called *embedding degree*. One can consider a pairing such as Tate and Ate pairings on $E(F_{p^k})$. Usually, $\#E(F_p)$ is written as

$$\#E(F_p) = p + 1 - t, \quad (4)$$

where t is the Frobenius trace of $E(F_p)$. Characteristic p and Frobenius trace t of Barreto--Naehrig (BN) curve (Barreto & Naehrig, 2005) are given by using an integer variable χ as Eqs.(1). In addition, BN curve E is written as

$$E(F_p): y^2 = x^3 + b, \quad b \in F_p \quad (5)$$

whose embedding degree is 12. In this paper, let $\#E(F_p)$ be a prime number r for instance.

2.2 Twisted ate pairing with BN curve

Let ϕ be Frobenius endomorphism, i.e.,

$$\phi: E(F_{p^{12}}) \rightarrow E(F_{p^{12}}): (x, y) \rightarrow (x^p, y^p), \quad (6)$$

Then, in the case of BN curve, let G_1 and G_2 be

$$G_1 = E[r] \cap \text{Ker}(\phi - [1]), \quad (7a)$$

$$G_2 = E[r] \cap \text{Ker}([\xi_6]\phi^2 - [1]) \quad (7b)$$

where ξ_6 is a primitive 6-th root of unity and let $P \in G_1$ and $Q \in G_2$, *twisted-Ate* pairing $\alpha(\cdot, \cdot)$ is defined as

$$\alpha(\cdot, \cdot) : \begin{cases} G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow F_{p^{12}}^* / (F_{p^{12}}^*)^r \\ (P, Q) \mapsto f_{s,P}(Q)^{(p^{12}-1)/r} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

$A = f_{s,P}(Q)$ is usually calculated by Miller's algorithm (Devegili et al., 2007), then so-called *final exponentiation* $A^{(p^{12}-1)/r}$ follows. The number of calculation loops of Miller's algorithm of *twisted-Ate* pairing with BN curve is determined by $\lfloor \log_2 s \rfloor$, where s is, in this case, given by

$$s = (t-1)^2 \bmod r = 36\chi^3 - 18\chi^2 + 6\chi - 1. \quad (9)$$

It is said that calculation cost of Miller's Algorithm is about twice of that of final exponentiation.

2.3 Divisor

Let D be the principal divisor of $Q \in E$ given as

$$D = (Q) - (O) = (Q) - (O) + \text{div}(1). \quad (10)$$

For scalars $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, let aD and bD be written as

$$aD = (aQ) - (O) + \text{div}(f_{a,Q}), \quad bD = (bQ) - (O) + \text{div}(f_{b,Q}), \quad (11)$$

where $f_{a,Q}$ and $f_{b,Q}$ are the rational functions for aD and bD , respectively. Then, addition for divisors is given as

$$aD + bD = (aQ) + (bQ) - (O) + \text{div}(f_{a,Q} \cdot f_{b,Q} \cdot g_{aQ,bQ}), \quad (12a)$$

where $g_{aQ,bQ} = l_{aQ,bQ} / v_{aQ+bQ}$, $l_{aQ,bQ}$ denotes the line passing through two points aQ , bQ , and v_{aQ+bQ} denotes the vertical line passing through $aQ + bQ$. Moreover, the following relation holds.

$$a(bD) = \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} (bQ) - a(O) + \text{div}(f_{b,Q}^a \cdot f_{a,bQ}). \quad (12b)$$

Thus, let $(a+b)D$ and $(ab)D$ be written as

$$(a+b)D = ((a+b)Q) - (O) + \text{div}(f_{a+b,Q}), \quad (13a)$$

$$(ab)D = (abQ) - (O) + \text{div}(f_{ab,Q}). \quad (13b)$$

we have the following relation.

$$f_{a+b,Q} = f_{a,Q} \cdot f_{b,Q} \cdot g_{aQ,bQ}, \quad f_{ab,Q} = f_{b,Q}^a \cdot f_{a,bQ} = f_{a,Q}^b \cdot f_{b,aQ}. \quad (14)$$

Miller's algorithm calculates $f_{s,Q}$ efficiently.

3. Main proposal

First, this section briefly goes over Miller's algorithm. Then, an improvement of *twisted-Ate* pairing with BN curve of embedding degree 12 is proposed.

3.1 Introduction of Miller's algorithm

Several improvements for Miller's algorithm have been given. Barreto et al. proposed *reduced* Miller's algorithm. Fig. 1 shows the calculation flow of *reduced* Miller's algorithm for $f_{s,P}(Q)$. It consists of functions shown in Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2, see Table 1.

Fig. 1. Calculation flow of Miller's algorithm

In the case of *twisted-Ate* pairing, let $P \in G_1$, $Q \in G_2$ and s be given by Eq.(9), $f_{s,P}(Q)$ becomes an element in $F_{p^k}^*$. In Fig. 1, s_i is the i -th bit of the binary representation of s from the lower, FMUL and FSQR denote multiplication and squaring over $F_{p^{12}}$, EADD and EDBL denote elliptic curve addition and doubling over G_1 . As shown in the algorithm, *main operation* is repeated $\lfloor \log_2 s \rfloor$ times but *additional operation* is only carried out when s_i is 1. Thus, the calculation cost of Miller's Algorithm can be reduced by reducing the number of *additional operations*.

Input:	$T \in G_1, Q \in G_2$
Output:	f, T
FSQR	
1.	$\lambda_{T,T} \leftarrow (3x_T^2)/(2y_T)$
2.	$l_{T,T}(Q) \leftarrow (x_Q - x_T)\lambda_{T,T} - (y_Q - y_T)$
3.	$f \leftarrow f^2 \cdot l_{T,T}(Q) / v_{T+T}(Q)$
4.	return f
EDBL	
5.	$x_{2T} \leftarrow \lambda_{T,T}^2 - 2x_T$
6.	$y_{2T} \leftarrow (x_T - x_{2T})\lambda_{T,T} - y_T$
7.	Return $T \leftarrow 2T$

Algorithm 1. FSQR and EDBL of Fig. 1

3.2 Proposed method

$f_{A,P} = f_{B,P}$ means $f_{A,P}^{(p^{12}-1)/r} = f_{B,P}^{(p^{12}-1)/r}$ in what follows, where $f_{A,P}$ and $f_{B,P}$ are the rational functions of divisors, respectively. Miller's algorithm of *twisted-Ate* pairing with BN curve calculates $f_{s,P}(Q)$, where s is given as

$$s = (t-1)^2 = 36\chi^3 - 18\chi^2 + 6\chi - 1 \bmod r. \quad (15)$$

Input:	$P \in G_1, Q \in G_2$
Output:	f, T
FMUL	
1.	$\lambda_{T,P} \leftarrow (y_P - y_T)/(x_P - x_T)$
2.	$l_{T,P}(Q) \leftarrow (x_Q - x_P)\lambda_{T,P} - (y_Q - y_P)$
3.	$f \leftarrow f \cdot l_{T,P}(Q)/v_{T+P}(Q)$
4.	return f
EADD	
5.	$x_{T+P} \leftarrow \lambda_{T,P}^2 - x_T - x_P$
6.	$y_{T+P} \leftarrow (x_P - x_{T+P})\lambda_{T,P} - y_P$
7.	return $T \leftarrow 2T$

Algorithm 2. FMUL and EADD of Fig. 1

s_i :	the i -th bit of the binary representation of s from the lower.
$l_{T,T}$:	the tangent line at T .
$l_{T,P}$:	the line passing through T and P .
v_{T+T} :	the vertical line passing through $2T$.
v_{T+P} :	the vertical line passing through $T+P$.
$\lambda_{T,T}$:	the slope of the tangent line $l_{T,T}$.
$\lambda_{T,P}$:	the slope of the line $l_{T,P}$.

Table 1. Notations used in Algorithms 1, 2, and 3

$r(\chi)$	χ	Hw(s^*)
254 Bits	$2^{62}+2^{46}+2^{29}$	83
	$2^{64}+2^{35}+2^{24}$	82
	$2^{62}+2^{55}+1$	36
	$-2^{62}-2^{41}-2^{23}$	43

$s^* = (t - 1)^2 \bmod r = 36\chi^3 - 18\chi^2 + 6\chi - 1$

Table 2. χ of small Hamming weight that gives BN curve of 254 bits prime order

The proposed method calculates $f_{s,P}(Q)$ using the following relations:

$p \equiv t - 1 = 6\chi^2 \bmod r,$ (16a)

$s \equiv 6\chi^2(6\chi - 3) + 6\chi - 1 \equiv p(6\chi - 3) + 6\chi - 1 \bmod r.$ (16b)

Using χ of small Hamming weight, first calculate $f_{6\chi-3,P}(Q)$ and then calculate $f_{6\chi-1,P}(Q)$ by using the result of the preceding calculation. Then, by calculating $f_{p,(6\chi-3)P}(Q)$ for which Frobenius mapping is efficiently applied, the number of additional operations is substantially reduced. In detail, let $\chi' = 2\chi - 1$, calculate $f_{\chi',P}(Q)$ by Miller's algorithm. Then, calculate $f_{6\chi-3,P}(Q)$ as

$f_{6\chi-3,P} = f_{\chi',P}^3 \cdot g_{\chi'P,\chi'P} \cdot g_{2\chi'P,\chi'P}.$ (17)

Since $6\chi-1=(6\chi-3)+2$, $f_{6\chi-1,P}(Q)$ is given as

$$f_{6\chi-1,P} = f_{6\chi-3,P} \cdot f_{2,P} \cdot g_{(6\chi-3)P,2P}. \quad (18)$$

Then, calculate $f_{(6\chi-3)6\chi^2,P}$ by using $f_{6\chi-3,P}$. **Algorithm 3** shows Miller's algorithm whose initial value of f is f' . Though it can be calculated by **Algorithm 3** as

$$f_{(6\chi-3)6\chi^2,P} = f_{6\chi^2,(6\chi-3)P} \big|_{f'=f_{(6\chi-3),P}}, \quad (19)$$

according to Eq.(16a), this paper calculates it by **Algorithm 3** as follows.

$$f_{(6\chi-3)6\chi^2,P} = f_{(6\chi-3),P}^{6\chi^2} \cdot f_{6\chi^2,(6\chi-3)P} \big|_{f'=1} = f_{(6\chi-3),P}^P \cdot f_{6\chi^2,(6\chi-3)P} \big|_{f'=1} \quad (20)$$

Finally, we have

$$f_{6\chi^2(6\chi-3)+6\chi-1,P} = f_{(6\chi-1),P} \cdot f_{(6\chi-3),P}^P \cdot (f_{6\chi^2,(6\chi-3)P} \big|_{f'=1}) \cdot g_{(6\chi-1)P,(6\chi-3)P}. \quad (21)$$

The proposed method has the following advantages.

- χ of small hamming weight efficiently works.
- It can reduce a multiplication in $F_{p^{12}}$ at Step6 of **Algorithm 3** by Frobenius mapping.

Input:	$P \in G_1, Q \in G_2, f' \in F_{p^{12}}$
Output:	$f_{\chi,P'}(Q)$
1.	$f \leftarrow f', T \leftarrow P$
2.	For $i = \lfloor \log_2(s) \rfloor$ downto 1:
3.	$f \leftarrow f^2 \cdot l_{T,T}(Q) / v_{T+T}(Q)$
4.	$T \leftarrow 2T$
5.	If $s_i = 1$, then :
6.	$f \leftarrow f \cdot f' \cdot l_{T,P}(Q) / v_{T+P}(Q)$
7.	$T \leftarrow T + P$
8.	return f

Algorithm 3. Miller's Algorithm whose initial value of f is f' .

4. Experimental result

In order to show the efficiency of the proposed method, the authors simulated *twisted-Ate* pairing with BN curve of order $r \approx 2^{254}$. In this simulation, the authors used χ and BN curve shown in **Table 3**. **Table 4** shows the simulation result.

As a reference, **Table 5** shows timings of multiplication (mul), inversion (inv) in each subfield of $F_{p^{12}}$ and squaring (sqr) in $F_{p^{12}}$. According to **Table 4**, in the cases of $r \approx 2^{254}$, the proposed method reduced the calculation times of Miller's algorithm by 18.0%.

size of p, r	254 bits
BN curve	$y^2=x^3+10$
χ	$2^{64}+2^{35}+2^{24}$
Hw(s)	82
Hw(χ)	3

Table 3. Parameters of *twisted-Ate* pairing

p, r		254 bits
Miller's part	Conventional	14.5
	Proposed	11.8
final exponentiation		4.45
Total	Conventional	19.0
	Proposed	16.3
Elliptic curve scalar multiplication*	$G_1 \in E(F_p)**$	2.31
	$G_2 \in E'(F_{p^2})$	7.01

* Average timings with random scalars and exponents of
** Projective coordinates are used.
Remark : Pentium4 (3.6GHz), C language, and GMP 4.2.2 library are used.

Table 4. Comparison of timings [ms]

F_p	mul	0.65
	inv	8.43
F_{p^2}	mul	1.65
	inv	11.4
F_{p^4}	mul	4.39
	inv	19.6
F_{p^6}	mul	7.78
	inv	32.4
$F_{p^{12}}$	mul	21.6
	inv	80.3
	sqr	19.7

Remark: Pentium4 (3.6GHz), C language, and GMP 4.2.2 library are used.

Table 5. Timings of operations in subfield (p : 254 bit prime number)[μs]

5. Conclusion

This paper has proposed an improvement of *twisted-Ate* pairing with Barreto-Naehrig curve so as to efficiently use Frobenius mapping with respect to prime field. Then, this paper showed some simulation result by which it was shown that the improvement accelerated *twisted-Ate* pairing including final exponentiation about 14.1%.

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