

High-speed cryptography,
part 2:

more elliptic-curve formulas;
field arithmetic

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Speed-oriented Jacobian standards

2000 IEEE “Std 1363”

uses Weierstrass curves

in Jacobian coordinates

to “provide the fastest

arithmetic on elliptic curves.”

Also specifies a method of

choosing curves $y^2 = x^3 - 3x + b$.

2000 NIST “FIPS 186–2”

standardizes five such curves.

2005 NSA “Suite B” recommends

two of the NIST curves as

the only public-key cryptosystems

for U.S. government use.

Projective for Weierstrass

1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

Speed up ADD by switching from $(X/Z^2, Y/Z^3)$ to $(X/Z, Y/Z)$.

7M + 3S for DBL if $a = -3$.

12M + 2S for ADD.

12M + 2S for reADD.

Option has been mostly ignored:

DBL dominates in ECDH etc.

But ADD dominates in

some applications: e.g.,

batch signature verification.

Montgomery curves

1987 Montgomery:

Use $by^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$.

Choose small $(a + 2)/4$.

$$2(x_2, y_2) = (x_4, y_4)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_4 = \frac{(x_2^2 - 1)^2}{4x_2(x_2^2 + ax_2 + 1)}.$$

$$(x_3, y_3) - (x_2, y_2) = (x_1, y_1),$$

$$(x_3, y_3) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_5, y_5)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_5 = \frac{(x_2x_3 - 1)^2}{x_1(x_2 - x_3)^2}.$$

Represent (x, y)

as $(X:Z)$ satisfying $x = X/Z$.

$$B = (X_2 + Z_2)^2,$$

$$C = (X_2 - Z_2)^2,$$

$$D = B - C, \quad X_4 = B \cdot C,$$

$$Z_4 = D \cdot (C + D(a + 2)/4) \Rightarrow$$

$$2(X_2:Z_2) = (X_4:Z_4).$$

$$(X_3:Z_3) - (X_2:Z_2) = (X_1:Z_1),$$

$$E = (X_3 - Z_3) \cdot (X_2 + Z_2),$$

$$F = (X_3 + Z_3) \cdot (X_2 - Z_2),$$

$$X_5 = Z_1 \cdot (E + F)^2,$$

$$Z_5 = X_1 \cdot (E - F)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$(X_3:Z_3) + (X_2:Z_2) = (X_5:Z_5).$$

This representation
does not allow ADD but it allows
DADD, “differential addition”:

$$Q, R, Q - R \mapsto Q + R.$$

e.g. $2P, P, P \mapsto 3P.$

e.g. $3P, 2P, P \mapsto 5P.$

e.g. $6P, 5P, P \mapsto 11P.$

$2\mathbf{M} + 2\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$ for DBL.

$4\mathbf{M} + 2\mathbf{S}$ for DADD.

Save $1\mathbf{M}$ if $Z_1 = 1.$

Easily compute $n(X_1 : Z_1)$ using
 $\approx \lg n$ DBL, $\approx \lg n$ DADD.

Almost as fast as Edwards $nP.$

Relatively slow for $mP + nQ$ etc.

Doubling-oriented curves

2006 Doche–Icart–Kohel:

Use $y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + 16ax$.

Choose small a .

Use $(X : Y : Z : Z^2)$

to represent $(X/Z, Y/Z^2)$.

3M + 4S + 2D for DBL.

How? Factor DBL as $\hat{\varphi}(\varphi)$

where φ is a 2-isogeny.

2007 Bernstein–Lange:

2M + 5S + 2D for DBL

on the same curves.

$12\mathbf{M} + 5\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$ for ADD.

Slower ADD than other systems,
typically outweighing benefit
of the very fast DBL.

But isogenies are useful.

Example, 2005 Gaudry:

fast DBL+DADD on Jacobians of
genus-2 hyperelliptic curves,
using similar factorization.

Tricky but potentially helpful:

tripling-oriented curves

(see 2006 Doche–Icart–Kohel),

double-base chains, . . .

Hessian curves

Credited to Sylvester

by 1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

$(X : Y : Z)$ represent $(X/Z, Y/Z)$
on $x^3 + y^3 + 1 = 3dxy$.

12M for ADD:

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

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

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

6M + 3S for DBL.

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.

2009 Bernstein–Kohel–Lange:

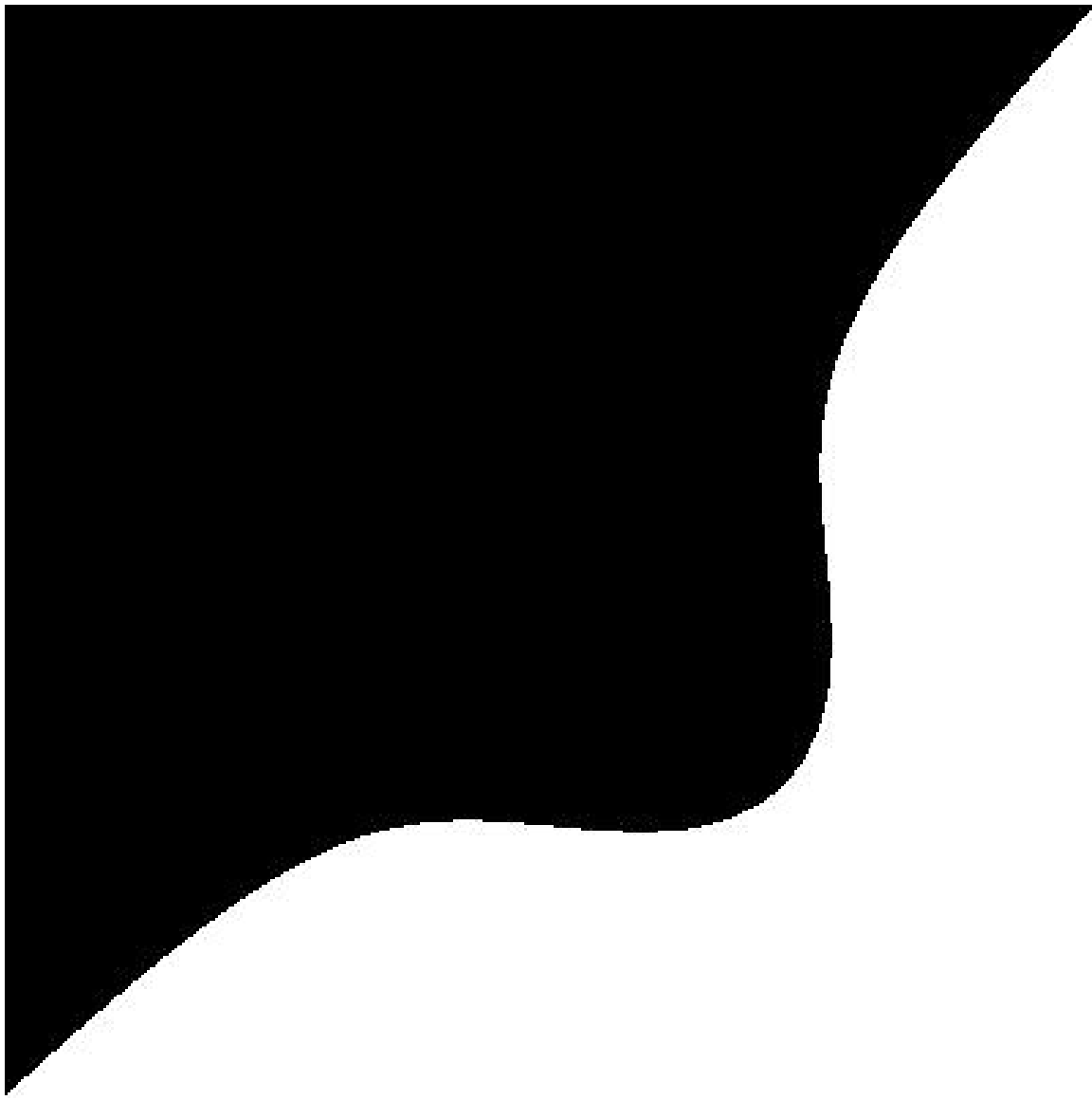
Easily avoid permutation!

2008 Hisil–Wong–Carter–Dawson:

$$(X : Y : Z : X^2 : Y^2 : Z^2 \\ : 2XY : 2XZ : 2YZ).$$

6M + **6S** for ADD.

3M + **6S** for DBL.



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

The Hessian-ray: uniform



but
not strongly so

Jacobi intersections

1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

$(S : C : D : Z)$ represent

$(S/Z, C/Z, D/Z)$ on

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

14M + 2S + 1D for ADD.

“Tremendous advantage”
of being strongly unified.

5M + 3S for DBL.

“Perhaps (?) . . . the most
efficient duplication formulas
which do not depend on the
coefficients of an elliptic curve.”

2001 Liardet–Smart:

$13\mathbf{M} + 2\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$ for ADD.

$4\mathbf{M} + 3\mathbf{S}$ for DBL.

2007 Bernstein–Lange:

$3\mathbf{M} + 4\mathbf{S}$ for DBL.

2008 Hisil–Wong–Carter–Dawson:

$13\mathbf{M} + 1\mathbf{S} + 2\mathbf{D}$ for ADD.

$2\mathbf{M} + 5\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$ for DBL.

Also ($S : C : D : Z : SC : DZ$):

$11\mathbf{M} + 1\mathbf{S} + 2\mathbf{D}$ for ADD.

$2\mathbf{M} + 5\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$ for DBL.

Jacobi quartics

$(X:Y:Z)$ represent $(X/Z, Y/Z^2)$
on $y^2 = x^4 + 2ax^2 + 1$.

1986 Chudnovsky–Chudnovsky:

3M + 6S + 2D for DBL.

Slow ADD.

2002 Billet–Joye:

New choice of neutral element.

10M + 3S + 1D for ADD,

strongly unified.

2007 Bernstein–Lange:

1M + 9S + 1D for DBL.

2007 Hisil–Carter–Dawson:

$2\mathbf{M} + 6\mathbf{S} + 2\mathbf{D}$ for DBL.

2007 Feng–Wu:

$2\mathbf{M} + 6\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{D}$ for DBL.

$1\mathbf{M} + 7\mathbf{S} + 3\mathbf{D}$ for DBL

on curves chosen with $a^2 + c^2 = 1$.

More speedups: 2007 Duquesne,

2007 Hisil–Carter–Dawson,

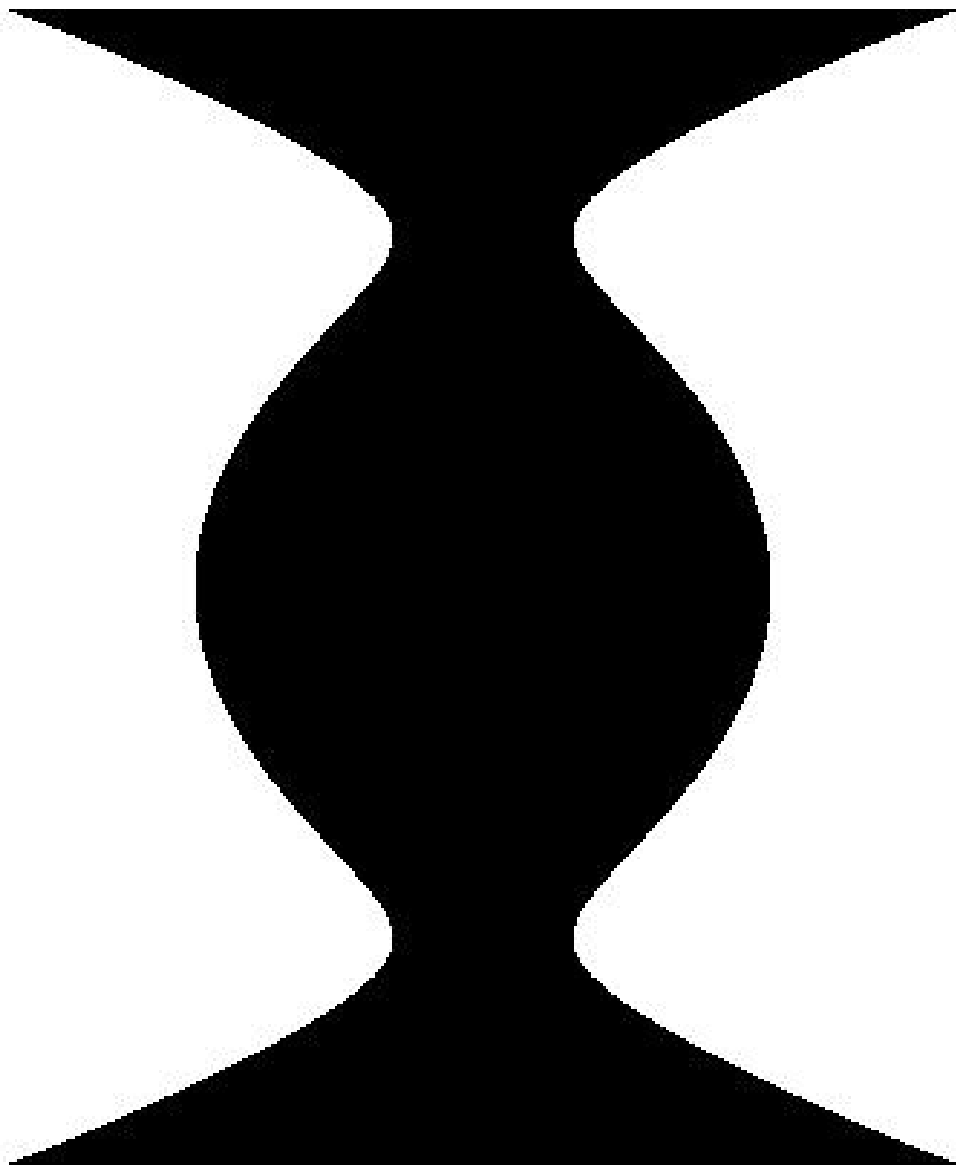
2008 Hisil–Wong–Carter–Dawson:

use $(X : Y : Z : X^2 : Z^2)$

or $(X : Y : Z : X^2 : Z^2 : 2XZ)$.

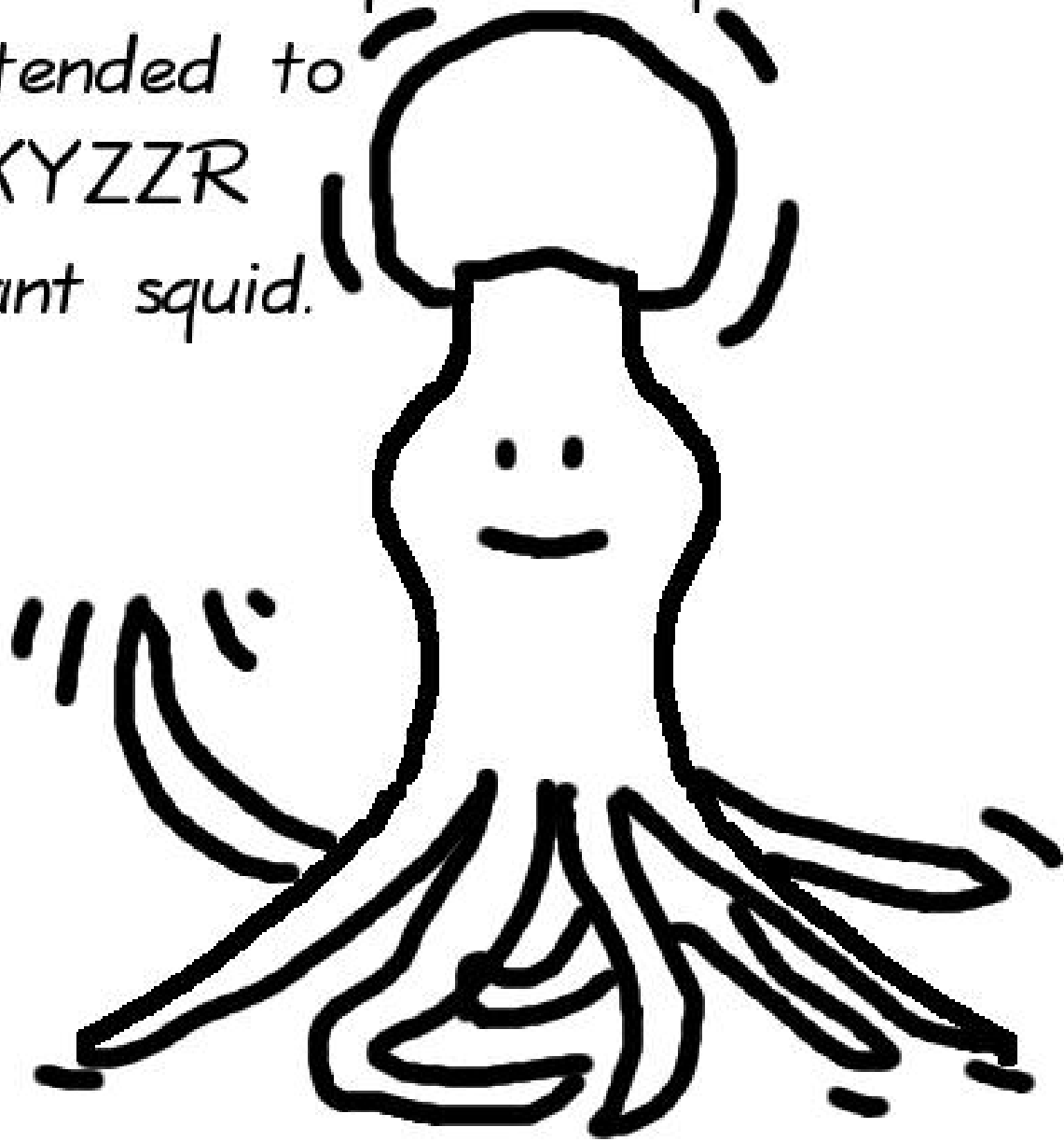
Can combine with Feng–Wu.

Competitive with Edwards!



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

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



START



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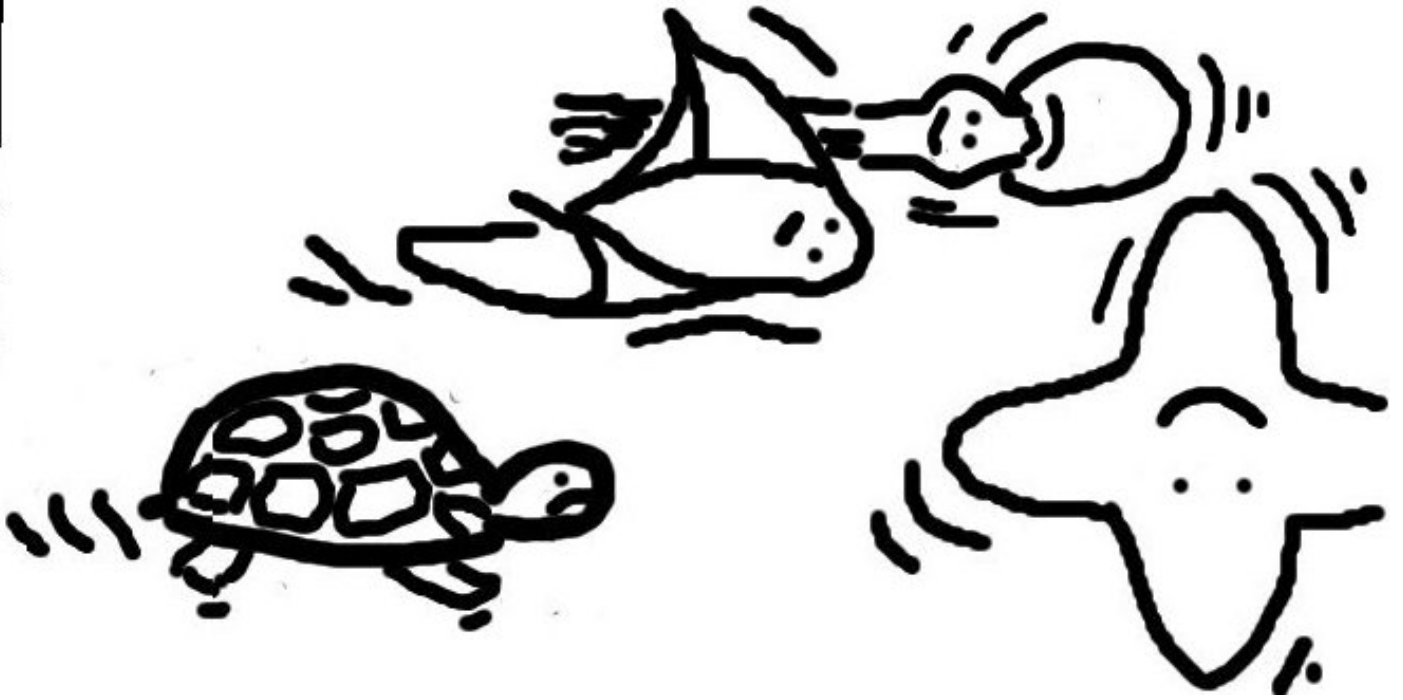
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More addition formulas

Explicit-Formulas Database:

hyperelliptic.org/EFD

EFD has 583 computer-verified formulas and operation counts for ADD, DBL, etc.

in 51 representations

on 13 shapes of elliptic curves.

Not yet handled by computer:

generality of curve shapes

(e.g., Hessian order $\in 3\mathbf{Z}$);

complete addition algorithms

(e.g., checking for ∞).

How to multiply big integers

Standard idea: Use polynomial with coefficients in $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ to represent integer in radix 10.

Example of representation:

$$839 = 8 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 9 \cdot 10^0 =$$

value (at $t = 10$) of polynomial

$$8t^2 + 3t^1 + 9t^0.$$

Convenient to express polynomial inside computer as array $9, 3, 8$

(or $9, 3, 8, 0$ or $9, 3, 8, 0, 0$ or \dots):

“ $p[0] = 9; p[1] = 3; p[2] = 8$ ”

Multiply two integers
by multiplying polynomials
that represent the integers.

Polynomial multiplication
involves *small* integer coefficients.
Have split one big multiplication
into many small operations.

Example, squaring 839:

$$(8t^2 + 3t^1 + 9t^0)^2 = 64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 54t^1 + 81t^0.$$

Oops, product polynomial usually has coefficients > 9 .

So “carry” extra digits:

$$ct^j \rightarrow \lfloor c/10 \rfloor t^{j+1} + (c \bmod 10)t^j.$$

Example, squaring 839:

$$64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 54t^1 + 81t^0;$$

$$64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 62t^1 + 1t^0;$$

$$64t^4 + 48t^3 + 159t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0;$$

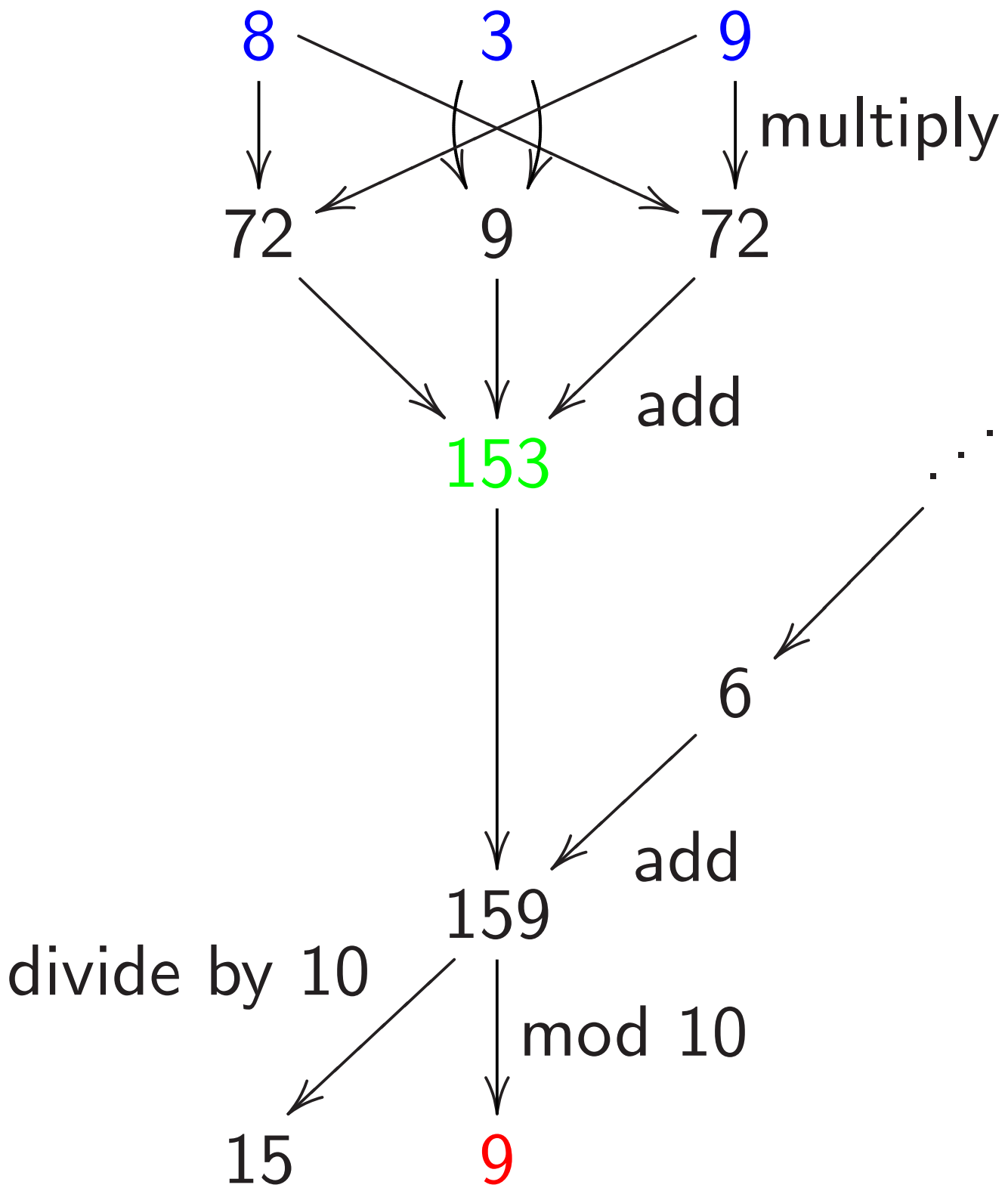
$$64t^4 + 63t^3 + 9t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0;$$

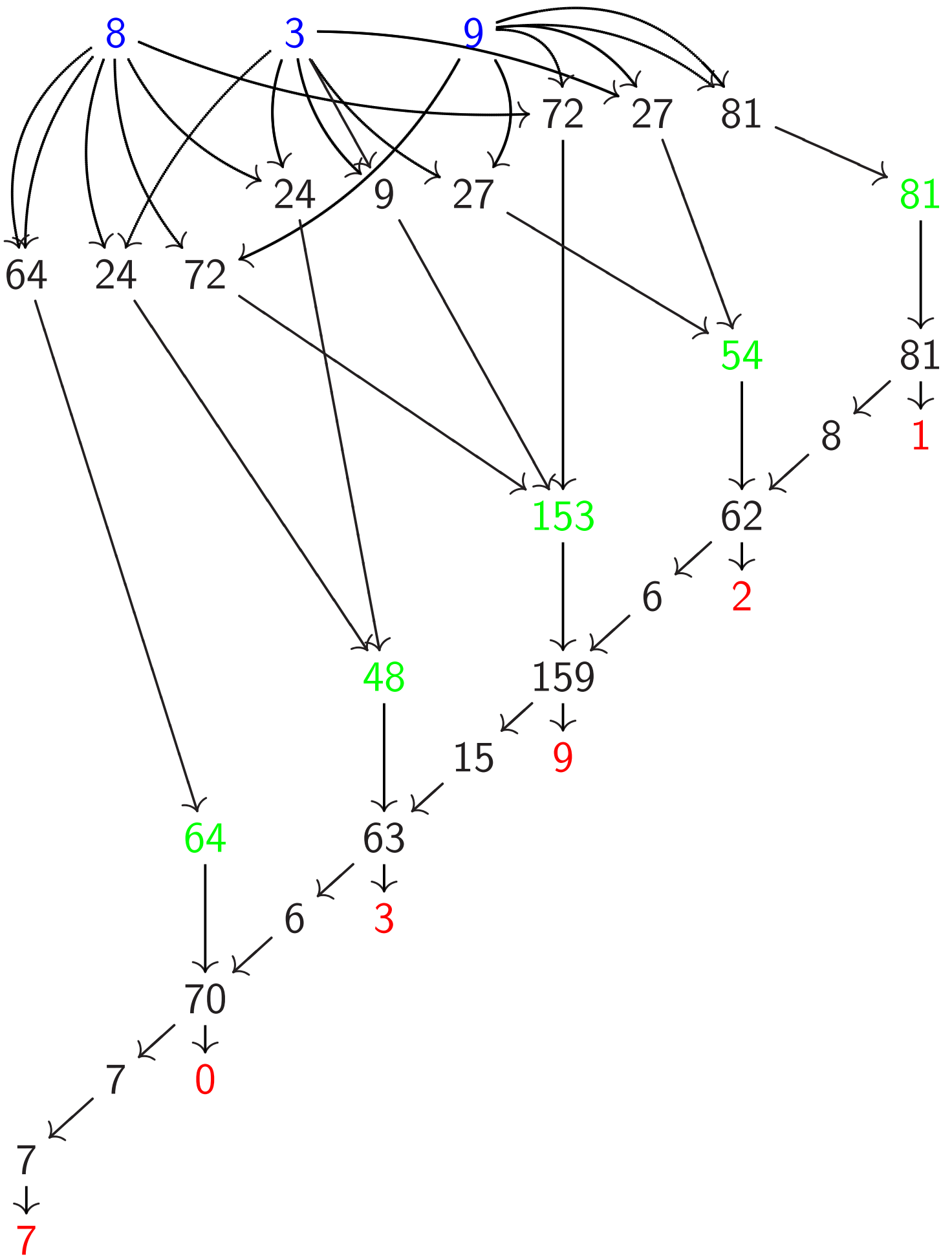
$$70t^4 + 3t^3 + 9t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0;$$

$$7t^5 + 0t^4 + 3t^3 + 9t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0.$$

In other words, $839^2 = 703921$.

What operations were used here?





The scaled variation

$$839 = 800 + 30 + 9 =$$

value (at $t = 1$) of polynomial

$$800t^2 + 30t^1 + 9t^0.$$

Squaring: $(800t^2 + 30t^1 + 9t^0)^2 =$

$$640000t^4 + 480000t^3 + 153000t^2 + 54000t^1 + 81t^0.$$

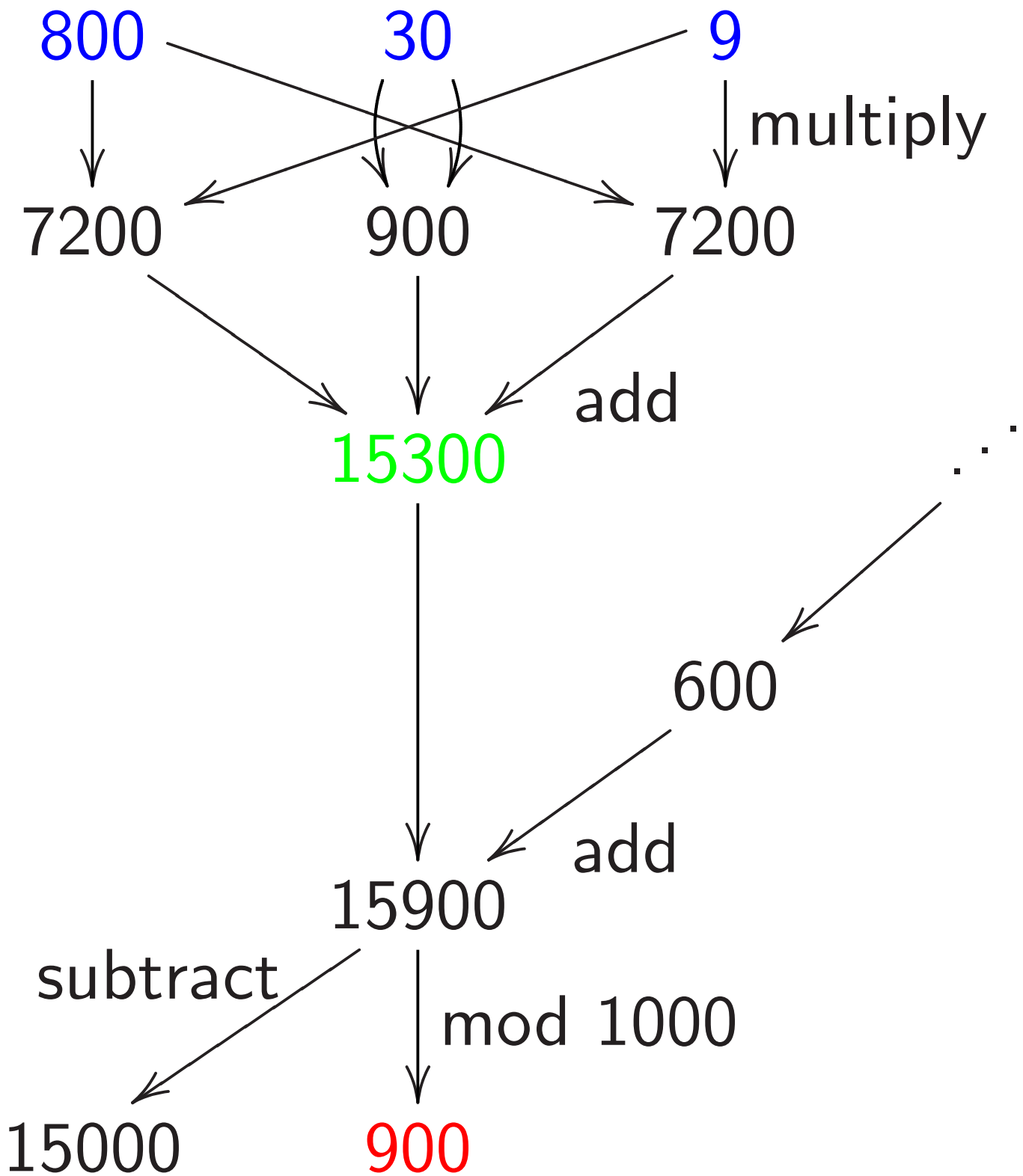
Carrying:

$$640000t^4 + 480000t^3 + 153000t^2 + 54000t^1 + 81t^0;$$

$$640000t^4 + 480000t^3 + 153000t^2 + 62000t^1 + 1t^0; \quad \dots$$

$$7000000t^5 + 0t^4 + 300000t^3 + 90000t^2 + 20000t^1 + 1t^0.$$

What operations were used here?



Speedup: double inside squaring

$$(\dots + f_2 t^2 + f_1 t^1 + f_0 t^0)^2$$

has coefficients such as

$$f_4 f_0 + f_3 f_1 + f_2 f_2 + f_1 f_3 + f_0 f_4.$$

5 mults, 4 adds.

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$$f_4 f_0 + f_3 f_1 + f_2 f_2 + f_1 f_3 + f_0 f_4.$$

5 mults, 4 adds.

Compute more efficiently as

$$2f_4 f_0 + 2f_3 f_1 + f_2 f_2.$$

3 mults, 2 adds, 2 doublings.

Save $\approx 1/2$ of the mults

if there are many coefficients.

Faster alternative:

$$2(f_4 f_0 + f_3 f_1) + f_2 f_2.$$

3 mults, 2 adds, 1 doubling.

Save $\approx 1/2$ of the adds

if there are many coefficients.

Faster alternative:

$$2(f_4 f_0 + f_3 f_1) + f_2 f_2.$$

3 mults, 2 adds, 1 doubling.

Save $\approx 1/2$ of the adds

if there are many coefficients.

Even faster alternative:

$$(2f_0)f_4 + (2f_1)f_3 + f_2 f_2,$$

after precomputing $2f_0, 2f_1, \dots$

3 mults, 2 adds, 0 doublings.

Precomputation ≈ 0.5 doublings.

Speedup: allow negative coeffs

Recall $159 \mapsto 15, 9$.

Scaled: $15900 \mapsto 15000, 900$.

Alternative: $159 \mapsto 16, -1$.

Scaled: $15900 \mapsto 16000, -100$.

Use digits $\{-5, -4, \dots, 4, 5\}$

instead of $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$.

Small disadvantage: need $-$.

Several small advantages:

easily handle negative integers;

easily handle subtraction;

reduce products a bit.

Speedup: delay carries

Computing (e.g.) big $ab + c^2$:
multiply a, b polynomials, carry,
square c poly, carry, add, carry.

e.g. $a = 314, b = 271, c = 839$:

$$(3t^2 + 1t^1 + 4t^0)(2t^2 + 7t^1 + 1t^0) = 6t^4 + 23t^3 + 18t^2 + 29t^1 + 4t^0;$$

$$\text{carry: } 8t^4 + 5t^3 + 0t^2 + 9t^1 + 4t^0.$$

$$\text{As before } (8t^2 + 3t^1 + 9t^0)^2 = 64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 54t^1 + 81t^0;$$
$$7t^5 + 0t^4 + 3t^3 + 9t^2 + 2t^1 + 1t^0.$$

$$+ : 7t^5 + 8t^4 + 8t^3 + 9t^2 + 11t^1 + 5t^0;$$

$$7t^5 + 8t^4 + 9t^3 + 0t^2 + 1t^1 + 5t^0.$$

Faster: multiply a, b polynomials, square c polynomial, add, carry.

$$\begin{aligned} & (6t^4 + 23t^3 + 18t^2 + 29t^1 + 4t^0) + \\ & (64t^4 + 48t^3 + 153t^2 + 54t^1 + 81t^0) \\ & = 70t^4 + 71t^3 + 171t^2 + 83t^1 + 85t^0; \\ & 7t^5 + 8t^4 + 9t^3 + 0t^2 + 1t^1 + 5t^0. \end{aligned}$$

Eliminate intermediate carries.

Outweighs cost of handling slightly larger coefficients.

Important to carry between multiplications (and squarings) to reduce coefficient size; but carries are usually a bad idea before additions, subtractions, etc.

Speedup: polynomial Karatsuba

How much work to multiply polys

$$f = f_0 + f_1t + \cdots + f_{19}t^{19},$$

$$g = g_0 + g_1t + \cdots + g_{19}t^{19}?$$

Using the obvious method:

400 coeff mults, 361 coeff adds.

Faster: Write f as $F_0 + F_1t^{10}$;

$$F_0 = f_0 + f_1t + \cdots + f_9t^9;$$

$$F_1 = f_{10} + f_{11}t + \cdots + f_{19}t^9.$$

Similarly write g as $G_0 + G_1t^{10}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } fg &= (F_0 + F_1)(G_0 + G_1)t^{10} \\ &+ (F_0G_0 - F_1G_1t^{10})(1 - t^{10}). \end{aligned}$$

20 adds for $F_0 + F_1, G_0 + G_1$.

300 mults for three products

$F_0G_0, F_1G_1, (F_0 + F_1)(G_0 + G_1)$.

243 adds for those products.

9 adds for $F_0G_0 - F_1G_1t^{10}$

with subs counted as adds

and with delayed negations.

19 adds for $\dots (1 - t^{10})$.

19 adds to finish.

Total 300 mults, 310 adds.

Larger coefficients, slight expense;
still saves time.

Can apply idea recursively
as poly degree grows.

Many other algebraic speedups
in polynomial multiplication:
“Toom,” “FFT,” etc.

Increasingly important as
polynomial degree grows.

$O(n \lg n \lg \lg n)$ coeff operations
to compute n -coeff product.

Useful for sizes of n
that occur in cryptography?

In some cases, yes!

But Karatsuba is the limit
for prime-field ECC/ECDLP
on most current CPUs.

Modular reduction

How to compute $f \bmod p$?

Can use definition:

$$f \bmod p = f - p \lfloor f/p \rfloor.$$

Can multiply f by a precomputed $1/p$ approximation; easily adjust to obtain $\lfloor f/p \rfloor$.

Slight speedup: “2-adic inverse”;
“Montgomery reduction.”

e.g. $314159265358 \bmod 271828$:

Precompute

$$\lfloor 1000000000000 / 271828 \rfloor$$

$$= 3678796.$$

Compute

$$314159 \cdot 3678796$$

$$= 1155726872564.$$

Compute

$$314159265358 - 1155726 \cdot 271828$$

$$= 578230.$$

Oops, too big:

$$578230 - 271828 = 306402.$$

$$306402 - 271828 = 34574.$$

We can do better: normally p is chosen with a special form to make $f \bmod p$ much faster.

Special primes hurt security for \mathbf{F}_p^* , $\text{Clock}(\mathbf{F}_p)$, etc., but not for elliptic curves!

gls1271: $p = 2^{127} - 1$,
with degree-2 extension.

Curve25519: $p = 2^{255} - 19$.

NIST P-224: $p = 2^{224} - 2^{96} + 1$.

secp112r1: $p = (2^{128} - 3)/76439$.

Divides special form.

Small example: $p = 1000003$.

Then $1000000a + b \equiv b - 3a$.

e.g. $314159265358 =$

$314159 \cdot 1000000 + 265358 \equiv$

$314159(-3) + 265358 =$

$-942477 + 265358 =$

-677119 .

Easily adjust $b - 3a$

to the range $\{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$

by adding/subtracting a few p 's:

e.g. $-677119 \equiv 322884$.

Hmmm, is adjustment so easy?

Conditional branches are slow.

(Also dangerous for defenders:
branch timing leaks secrets.)

Can eliminate the branches,
but adjustment isn't free.

Speedup: Skip the adjustment
for intermediate results.

“Lazy reduction.”

Adjust only for output.

$b - 3a$ is small enough
to continue computations.

Can delay carries until after multiplication by 3.

e.g. To square 314159

in $\mathbf{Z}/1000003$: Square poly

$$3t^5 + 1t^4 + 4t^3 + 1t^2 + 5t^1 + 9t^0,$$

obtaining $9t^{10} + 6t^9 + 25t^8 +$

$$14t^7 + 48t^6 + 72t^5 + 59t^4 +$$

$$82t^3 + 43t^2 + 90t^1 + 81t^0.$$

Reduce: replace $(c_i)t^{6+i}$ by

$(-3c_i)t^i$, obtaining $72t^5 + 32t^4 +$

$$64t^3 - 32t^2 + 48t^1 - 63t^0.$$

Carry: $8t^6 - 4t^5 - 2t^4 +$

$$1t^3 + 2t^2 + 2t^1 - 3t^0.$$

To minimize poly degree,
mix reduction and carrying,
carrying the top sooner.

e.g. Start from square $9t^{10} + 6t^9 + 25t^8 + 14t^7 + 48t^6 + 72t^5 + 59t^4 + 82t^3 + 43t^2 + 90t^1 + 81t^0$.

Reduce $t^{10} \rightarrow t^4$ and carry $t^4 \rightarrow t^5 \rightarrow t^6$: $6t^9 + 25t^8 + 14t^7 + 56t^6 - 5t^5 + 2t^4 + 82t^3 + 43t^2 + 90t^1 + 81t^0$.

Finish reduction: $-5t^5 + 2t^4 + 64t^3 - 32t^2 + 48t^1 - 87t^0$. Carry $t^0 \rightarrow t^1 \rightarrow t^2 \rightarrow t^3 \rightarrow t^4 \rightarrow t^5$: $-4t^5 - 2t^4 + 1t^3 + 2t^2 - 1t^1 + 3t^0$.

Speedup: non-integer radix

$$p = 2^{61} - 1.$$

Five coeffs in radix 2^{13} ?

$$f_4 t^4 + f_3 t^3 + f_2 t^2 + f_1 t^1 + f_0 t^0.$$

Most coeffs could be 2^{12} .

Square $\dots + 2(f_4 f_1 + f_3 f_2) t^5 + \dots$.

Coeff of t^5 could be $> 2^{25}$.

Reduce: $2^{65} = 2^4$ in $\mathbf{Z}/(2^{61} - 1)$;

$$\dots + (2^5(f_4 f_1 + f_3 f_2) + f_0^2) t^0.$$

Coeff could be $> 2^{29}$.

Very little room for

additions, delayed carries, etc.

on 32-bit platforms.

Scaled: Evaluate at $t = 1$.

f_4 is multiple of 2^{52} ;

f_3 is multiple of 2^{39} ;

f_2 is multiple of 2^{26} ;

f_1 is multiple of 2^{13} ;

f_0 is multiple of 2^0 . Reduce:

$$\dots + (2^{-60}(f_4 f_1 + f_3 f_2) + f_0^2)t^0.$$

Better: Non-integer radix $2^{12.2}$.

f_4 is multiple of 2^{49} ;

f_3 is multiple of 2^{37} ;

f_2 is multiple of 2^{25} ;

f_1 is multiple of 2^{13} ;

f_0 is multiple of 2^0 .

Saves a few bits in coeffs.