

# Sesquilinear pairings on elliptic curves (+ isogenies)

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# Bilinear pairings

Let  $A, B, R$  be abelian groups. Let

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : A \times B \rightarrow R$$

be linear in each factor.

Our interest:  $A$  and  $B$  groups of points on an elliptic curve.

# Weil and Tate pairings

Weil pairing:

$$e_m : E(K)[m] \times E(K)[m] \rightarrow \mu_m$$

Tate pairing:

$$t_m : E(K)[m] \times E(K)/mE(K) \rightarrow K^*/(K^*)^m$$

Implies fun cryptography. Example:

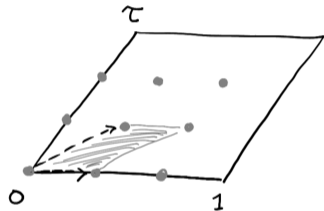
$$t_m([a]P, [b]Q)^c = t_m(P, Q)^{abc}.$$

## Weil pairing over $\mathbb{C}$

Weil pairing over  $\mathbb{C}$  (Galbraith has nice notes):

Let 1 and  $\tau$  form a basis for  $\Lambda$  giving  $E \cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ :

$$e_m \left( \frac{a + b\tau}{m}, \frac{c + d\tau}{m} \right) = e^{2\pi i \frac{ad-bc}{m}}.$$



Paths for homology of torus:  $\gamma_1 : 0 \rightarrow 1$  and  $\gamma_\tau : 0 \rightarrow \tau$ .

$$(a\gamma_1 + b\gamma_\tau) \cdot (c\gamma_1 + d\gamma_\tau) = ad - bc.$$

# Extensions

An extension

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow 0$$

is given by a factor set

$$f : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m$$

determining the group law on  $X$  via

$$(x, P)(y, Q) = (xyf(P, Q), P + Q).$$

# Extensions

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$$0 \longrightarrow K^* \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow E(K) \longrightarrow 0$$

is given by a factor set

$$f : E(K) \times E(K) \rightarrow K^*$$

determining the group law on  $X$  via

$$(x, P)(y, Q) = (xyf(P, Q), P + Q).$$

# Monodromy

A group fact in  $E$ ,

$$\sum P_i = \mathcal{O},$$



a monodromy  $\alpha \in K^*$ :

$$\sum (x_i, P_i) = ((\prod x_i) \alpha, \mathcal{O}).$$

# A biextension $X$ 'glues together' many extensions:

$X$  has action of  $K^*$  with quotient

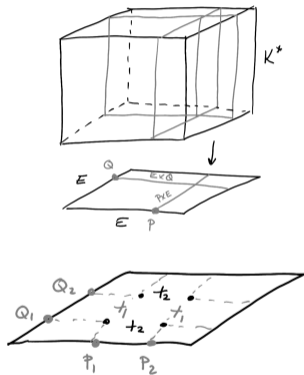
$$\pi : X \rightarrow E \times E$$

where fibres  $X_{(P,Q)}$  are homogeneous spaces for  $K^*$ .

There are two compatible operations:

1.  $+_1$  defined on  $X_{\{P\} \times E}$ ;
2.  $+_2$  defined on  $X_{E \times \{Q\}}$ .

Each  $X_{\{P\} \times E}$   
is an extension of  $E$  by  $K^*$  determined by  $P$ , and similarly.





## The Poincaré biextension

In our case  $X$  is given by a biextension factor set

$$f : E \times E \times E \rightarrow K^*$$

so that  $f$  restricts to a factor set on  $E \times E \times \{Q\}$  and  $\{P\} \times E \times E$ .

Let  $f$  be the rational function with divisor

$$C := m_{123}^*(\mathcal{O}) - m_{12}^*(\mathcal{O}) - m_{23}^*(\mathcal{O}) - m_{13}^*(\mathcal{O}) + m_1^*(\mathcal{O}) + m_2^*(\mathcal{O}) + m_3^*(\mathcal{O}).$$

Has an expression in terms of elliptic nets:

$$\frac{W(P+Q+R)W(P)W(Q)W(R)}{W(P+Q)W(Q+R)W(P+R)}.$$

# Monodromy

Fixing  $Q$  in  $E$ , we have an extension  $X_{E \times \{Q\}}$ .

If  $P \in E[m]$ , then the group fact  $mP = \mathcal{O}$  gives a monodromy on  $X_{E \times \{Q\}}$ .

This is the Tate pairing  $t_m(P, Q)$ .

The Weil pairing is the quotient

$$e_m(P, Q) = \frac{\text{monodromy of } mP = \mathcal{O} \text{ on } X_{E \times \{Q\}}}{\text{monodromy of } mQ = \mathcal{O} \text{ on } X_{\{P\} \times E}}$$

## Weil and Tate pairings from monodromy

The extension  $X_{E \times \{Q\}}$  has factor set

$$E \times E \rightarrow K^*, \quad (P, R) \mapsto f_{P,R}((Q) - (\mathcal{O}))$$

where

$$\operatorname{div}(f_{P,R}) = (P + R) - (P) - (R) + (\mathcal{O}).$$

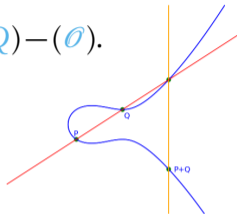
Gives rise to Tate pairing formula:

$$t_m : E(K)[m] \times E(K)/mE(K) \rightarrow K^*/(K^*)^m$$

$$t_m(P, Q) = f_P(D_Q), \quad \operatorname{div}(f_P) = m(P) - m(\mathcal{O}), \quad D_Q \sim (Q) - (\mathcal{O}).$$

# Tate pairing computation (Miller's Algorithm)

$$t_m(P, Q) = f_P(D_Q), \quad \text{div}(f_P) = m(P) - m(\mathcal{O}), \quad D_Q \sim (Q) - (\mathcal{O}).$$



1. Create double-and-add chain of operations  $k_1 + k_2$  for  $m$ .

2. This

gives a double-and-add chain of divisors  $D_k := k(P) - ([k]P) - (k-1)(\mathcal{O})$  satisfying  $D_{k_1} + D_{k_2} \sim D_{k_1+k_2}$ . Note that  $\text{div}(f_P) = D_m$ .

3. Each step

$D_{k_1+k_2} - D_{k_1} - D_{k_2} = ([k_1]P) + ([k_2]P) - ([k_1+k_2]P) - (\mathcal{O})$  is an instance of the group law, i.e. a rational function  $f_{k_1, k_2}$ . Thus  $f_P = \prod f_{k_{i,1}, k_{i,2}}$ .

4. Compute the double-and-add chain to

compute  $f_P(D_Q) = \prod f_{k_{i,1}, k_{i,2}}(D_Q)$  (always evaluated, i.e. elements of  $K^*$ ).

## Sesquilinear pairings

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{O}$ , an order in an imaginary quadratic field. A sesquilinear pairing is a bilinear pairing with:

$$\langle \alpha P, \beta Q \rangle = \langle P, Q \rangle^{\alpha \bar{\beta}}.$$

(We can also do everything today with  $\mathcal{O}$  a quaternion order, at the cost of lots of extra notation.)

## Calculus of $\mathcal{O}$ -divisors

Extend scalars:

$$\mathrm{Div}_{\mathcal{O}}(E) := \mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{Div}(E).$$

We also extend scalars on  $K(E)^*$  and  $K^*$ , writing multiplicatively, e.g.  $g^{1+i}$ .

Principal divisors:

$$\mathrm{div}\left(\prod_i f_i^{\tau_i}\right) = \sum_i \tau_i \mathrm{div}(f_i).$$

Then

$$\mathrm{Pic}_{\mathcal{O}}^0(E) := \mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{Pic}^0(E).$$

## Evaluating an $\mathcal{O}$ -function at an $\mathcal{O}$ -divisor

If  $f$  and  $D$  are usual function and divisor, then

$$f^\alpha(\beta \cdot D) := f(D)^{\alpha\bar{\beta}}.$$

This gives  $\mathcal{O}$ -Weil reciprocity:

$$f(\operatorname{div}(g)) = \overline{g(\operatorname{div}(f))},$$

where conjugation acts on the scalars.

## Weil and Tate pairings

Recall:  $E \cong \text{Pic}^0(E)$ ,  $P \mapsto (P) - (\mathcal{O})$ .

$$e_m : \text{Pic}^0(E)[m] \times \text{Pic}^0(E)[m] \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m[m],$$

$$t_m : \text{Pic}^0(E)[m] \times \text{Pic}^0(E)/[m]\text{Pic}^0(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m/(\mathbb{G}_m)^m,$$

given by

$$t_m(D_P, D_Q) = f_P(D_Q) \quad \text{where} \quad \text{div}(f_P) \sim m \cdot D_P,$$

$$e_m(D_P, D_Q) = \frac{f_P(D_Q)}{f_Q(D_P)}.$$

Galois invariant, sesquilinear, compatible, etc.



## Sesquilinear pairings

$$W_\alpha : \text{Pic}_\theta^0(E)[\bar{\alpha}] \times \text{Pic}_\theta^0(E)[\alpha] \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \theta}[\bar{\alpha}],$$

$$T_\alpha : \text{Pic}_\theta^0(E)[\bar{\alpha}] \times \text{Pic}_\theta^0(E)/[\alpha] \text{Pic}_\theta^0(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \theta} / (\mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \theta})^{\bar{\alpha}},$$

given by

$$T_\alpha(D_P, D_Q) = f_P(D_Q) \quad \text{where} \quad \text{div}(f_P) \sim \bar{\alpha} \cdot D_P,$$

$$W_\alpha(D_P, D_Q) = \frac{f_P(D_Q)}{f_Q(D_P)}.$$

Galois invariant, sesquilinear, compatible, etc.

## Moving from formal to CM by $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\tau]$

$$0 \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\eta} \text{Pic}_{\mathcal{O}}^0(E) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} E \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\epsilon: D_1 + \tau \cdot D_2 \mapsto D_1^{\Sigma} + [\tau]D_2^{\Sigma}.$$

$$\eta: P \mapsto ([-\tau]P) - (\mathcal{O}) + \tau((P) - (\mathcal{O})).$$

where  $(\sum \alpha_i (P_i))^{\Sigma} = \sum_i [\alpha_i] P_i$ .

## A Weil-like pairing

$$\widehat{W}_\alpha : E[\bar{\alpha}] \times E[\alpha] \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}}[\alpha].$$

1. Well-defined, bilinear, Galois invariant, **non-degenerate**.
2. Sesquilinearity:

$$\widehat{W}_\alpha([\gamma]P, [\delta]Q) = \widehat{W}_\alpha(P, Q)^{\delta\bar{\gamma}}.$$

3. Conjugate skew-Hermitian:

$$\widehat{W}_\alpha(P, Q) = \overline{\widehat{W}_{\bar{\alpha}}(Q, P)}^{-1}.$$

4. Compatibility: Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  respect CM by  $\mathcal{O}$ .

$$\widehat{W}_\alpha(\phi P, \phi Q) = \widehat{W}_\alpha(P, Q)^{\deg \phi}.$$

5. Coherence:

$$\widehat{W}_{\alpha\beta}(P, Q) = \widehat{W}_\alpha([\beta]P, Q), \quad \widehat{W}_{\alpha\beta}(P, Q) = \widehat{W}_\beta(P, [\alpha]Q).$$

## A Tate-like pairing

$$\widehat{T}_\alpha : E[\overline{\alpha}] \times E/[\alpha]E \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}} / (\mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}})^\alpha.$$

1. Well-defined, bilinear, Galois invariant, **non-degenerate**.
2. Sesquilinearity:

$$\widehat{T}_\alpha([\gamma]P, [\delta]Q) = \widehat{T}_\alpha(P, Q)^{\overline{\gamma}\delta}.$$

3. Compatibility: Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  respect CM by  $\mathcal{O}$ .

$$\widehat{T}_\alpha(\phi P, \phi Q) = \widehat{T}_\alpha(P, Q)^{\deg \phi}.$$

4. Coherence:

$$\widehat{T}_{\alpha\beta}(P, Q) \bmod (\mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R})^\alpha = \widehat{T}_\alpha([\overline{\beta}]P, Q \bmod [\alpha]E).$$

$$\widehat{T}_{\alpha\beta}(P, Q) \bmod (\mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R})^\beta = \widehat{T}_\beta(P, [\alpha]Q \bmod [\beta]E).$$

## In terms of usual Weil and Tate pairings

Let  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\tau]$ .

$$\widehat{T}_n(P, Q) = \left( t_n(P, Q)^{2N(\tau)} t_n([- \bar{\tau}]P, Q)^{Tr(\tau)} \right) (t_n([\bar{\tau} - \tau]P, Q))^\tau.$$

Furthermore, provided both of the following quantities are defined,

$$\widehat{T}_{N(\alpha)}(P, Q) = \widehat{T}_\alpha(P, Q)^{\bar{\alpha}} \pmod{(\mathbb{G}_m^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R})^\alpha}$$

Remark: Let  $\langle x, y \rangle$  be a bilinear pairing on  $\mathbb{Z}[\tau]$ . Then

$$\langle x_1 + \tau x_2, y_1 + \tau y_2 \rangle := \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle + N(\tau) \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle + Tr(\tau) \langle x_1, y_2 \rangle + \tau (\langle x_2, y_1 \rangle - \langle x_1, y_2 \rangle)$$

defines a sesquilinear pairing.

Generalized pairings: Bruin, Garfalakis, Robert, Castryck-Houben-Merz-Mula-van Buuren-Vercauteran

## Computation of $\widehat{T}_\alpha(P, Q)$

Suppose

$$\bar{\alpha} = d - c\tau, \quad \bar{\alpha}\tau = -b + a\tau.$$

For  $P \in E[\bar{\alpha}]$ ,  $f_P = f_{P,1}f_{P,2}^\tau$  with

$$\operatorname{div}(f_{P,1}) = a([- \tau]P) + b(P) - (a + b)(\mathcal{O}), \quad \operatorname{div}(f_{P,2}) = c([- \tau]P) + d(P) - (c + d)(\mathcal{O}).$$

Auxiliary point  $S$ ; take  $D_Q = D_{Q,1} + \tau \cdot D_{Q,2}$  with

$$D_{Q,1} = ([- \tau]Q + [- \tau]S) - ([- \tau]S), \quad D_{Q,2} = (Q + S) - (S).$$

Then

$$\widehat{T}_\alpha(P, Q) := f_P(D_Q) = \left( f_{P,1}(D_{Q,1})f_{P,1}(D_{Q,2})^{\operatorname{Tr}(\tau)}f_{P,2}(D_{Q,2})^{N(\tau)} \right) \left( f_{P,2}(D_{Q,1})f_{P,1}(D_{Q,2})^{-1} \right)^\tau.$$

# Applications to Isogenies (joint with Joseph Macula)

Finite  $\mathbb{F}$ . There is a faithful action of  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$  on

$$\text{Ell}(\mathcal{O}) = \{E/\mathbb{F} : E \text{ has CM by } \mathcal{O}\}.$$

When  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot E_1 = E_2$ , this gives an isogeny  $\phi_{\mathfrak{a}} : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  respecting  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Hard Problem 1:** Given  $E_1$  and  $E_2 \in \text{Ell}(\mathcal{O})$ , find  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  respecting  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Hard Problem 2:** Given  $E_1$  and  $E_2 \in \text{Ell}(\mathcal{O})$ , and  $\deg \phi$ , find  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  respecting  $\mathcal{O}$ .

# Isogeny interpolation

(Castryck-Decru-Maino-Martindale-Panny-Pope-Robert-Wesolowski)

**Hard Problem 2:** Given  $E_1$  and  $E_2 \in \text{Ell}(\mathcal{O})$ , and  $\deg \phi$ , find  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  respecting  $\mathcal{O}$ .

Wouter's talk [CDM+24]: to efficiently determine  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ , it suffices to find  $\phi(G)$  (actually  $\phi$  of generators) for some subgroup  $G$  of size at least  $4 \deg \phi + 1$ .

**Hard Problem 3:** Given  $E_1$  and  $E_2 \in \text{Ell}(\mathcal{O})$ , and  $\deg \phi$ , find  $\phi(G)$ ,  $\#G > 4 \deg \phi$  for  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  respecting  $\mathcal{O}$ .



## Recovering an isogeny

An idea of Castryck-Houben-Merz-Mula-van Buuren-Vercauteren: Let  $m > 4 \deg \phi$ . Suppose  $P \in E_1[m]$ , and suppose  $\phi(P) = kP' \subseteq E_2[m]$ . Use a pairing:

$$\langle P, P \rangle^{\deg \phi} = \langle \phi P, \phi P \rangle = \langle kP', kP' \rangle = \langle P', P' \rangle^{k^2}.$$

So

$$P, P', \deg \phi \xrightarrow{\text{discrete log}} k^2 \pmod{m} \implies \phi P = kP' \xrightarrow{\text{isog. interp.}} \phi.$$

Challenges:

1. Make sure  $\phi P \in \mathbb{Z}P'$ .
2. Make sure  $\langle P, P \rangle$  is non-trivial.

CHMMvBV: Non-degenerate self-pairings when  $m \mid \Delta_\theta$ .

## $\mathcal{O}$ -sesquilinear pairings

Let  $m^2 > 4 \deg \phi$ . Suppose  $P \in E_1[m]$ , suppose  $\mathcal{O}P' = E_2[m]$ . Use a pairing:

$$\langle P, P \rangle^{\deg \phi} = \langle \phi P, \phi P \rangle = \langle \lambda P', \lambda P' \rangle = \langle P', P' \rangle^{N(\lambda)}.$$

So

$$P, P', \deg \phi \xrightarrow{\text{discrete log}} N(\lambda) \pmod{m} \not\Rightarrow \phi P = [\lambda]P' \xrightarrow{\text{isog. interp.}} \phi.$$

Pros/Cons:

1. Easier to guarantee  $\mathcal{O}P' = E_2[m]$ .
2. Easier to obtain non-degenerate pairings ( $m$  coprime to  $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ ).
3. For  $m$  coprimes to  $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ , knowing  $N(\lambda) \pmod{m}$  only cuts down  $\lambda \pmod{m}$  from  $\sim m^2$  options to  $\sim m$  options.
4. For  $m \mid \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$  it works! And is sometimes more efficient.

## When is $\widehat{T}_m$ non-degenerate?

Let  $\eta : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \text{End}(E)$  extend to  $\eta : K \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{End}(E)$ .

### Proposition (Macula-S.)

$E[m]$  is  $\mathcal{O}$ -cyclic as an  $\mathcal{O}$ -module if and only if  $m$  is coprime to  $[\eta(K) \cap \text{End}(E) : \eta(\mathcal{O})]$ .

Based on results of Lenstra.

### Theorem (Macula-S.)

Suppose  $\mu_m \subseteq \mathbb{F}$ ,  $m$  is coprime to  $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ , and  $E[m] \subseteq E(\mathbb{F})$ . Then  $\widehat{T}_n(P, P)$  has full order whenever  $\mathcal{O}P = E[m]$ .

# Computation of $\mathcal{O}$ -pairings

## Theorem (Macula-S.)

*Suppose computations in  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $E[m]$ , and discrete logarithms in  $\mu_m$  are all efficient.  
Let  $m$  be coprime to  $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$  and let  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \text{End}(E)$ .*

*Then*

*computation of the  $\mathcal{O}$ -pairing  $\widehat{T}_m(P, Q)$  on  $E[m]$*

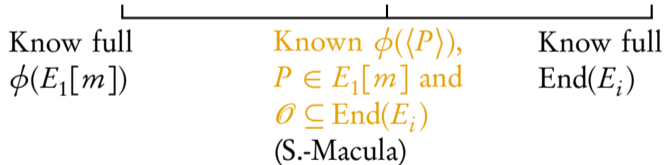
*is equivalent to*

*computation of  $\mathcal{O}$  acting on  $E[m]$ .*

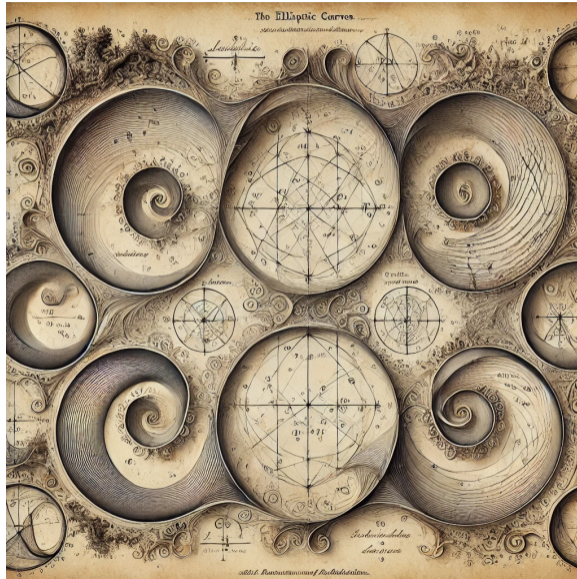
## A trade-off (Supersingular case)

Suppose  $m^2 > 4 \deg \phi$ , coprime to  $\Delta_\theta$  and  $\deg \phi$ .

Situations where we can obtain  $\phi$ :



Thank you!



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