

Multi-Exponentiation Algorithm

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Outline

- Review of multi-exponentiation algorithms
- Double/Multi-exponentiation based on binary GCD algorithm
- Side-channel analysis and countermeasures

Double-/Multi-Exponentiation

- Evaluating the product of several exponentiations
 - *Example*: double-exponentiation, $x^a y^b$,
in many digital signature verification primitives
 - *Example*: multi-exponentiation, $g_1^{e_1} \cdots g_h^{e_h}$,
in bilinear ring signature and batch verification of signatures
- Existing better algorithms than
“multiplying the results of individual exponentiations”
 - Most are developed based on
[Shamir's simultaneous squaring algorithm](#) (1985)
(Also proposed by Straus in 1964)

Square and Multiply Algorithm

INPUT: base number g ,
exponent $e = (e_{k-1} \cdots e_0)$

OUTPUT: g^e

01 $R = 1$ \Leftarrow Accumulator
02 for $i = k - 1$ to 0 step -1 \Leftarrow From MSB to LSB
03 $R = R^2$ \Leftarrow Square
04 if $e_i = 1$ then $R = R \times g$ \Leftarrow Multiply (optional)
05 return R

- Left-to-right algorithm, complexity = $1.5k$ multiplications

Shamir's Simultaneous Squaring Multi-Exponentiation Algorithm

INPUT: base numbers $g_1 \sim g_h$,
exponents $e_1 \sim e_h$ where $e_j = (e_{j,k-1} \cdots e_{j,0})$
OUTPUT: $g_1^{e_1} \times \cdots \times g_h^{e_h}$

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01 R = 1
02 for i = k - 1 to 0 step -1
03   R = R2                               ⇐ Simultaneous squaring
04   R = R × (g1e1,i × ⋯ × gheh,i)   ⇐ How to compute it?
05 return R
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- If $g_1 \times g_2$ is pre-computed Table = $\{g_1, g_2, g_1 \times g_2\}$
Complexity of double-exponentiation = $1.75k$

Interleaving / Simultaneous Multi-Exponentiation¹

- How to compute $R \times (g_1^{e_{1,i}} \times \dots \times g_h^{e_{h,i}})$
 - Interleaving: compute each of multiplications
 - * $hk/2$ multiplications on average (h terms, k -bit exponents)
 - Simultaneous: prepare a table $\{g_1^{\epsilon_1} \times \dots \times g_h^{\epsilon_h}\}$
 - * $k(1 - 2^{-h}) \approx k$ multiplications,
where 2^{-h} is the prob. of $e_{1,i} = \dots = e_{h,i} = 0$
 - * Table size = $(2^h - h - 1)$
- Exponent recoding can further improve performance
 - Table size grows faster than in single-exponentiation

¹Named by Bodo Möller

Interleaving Double-Exp. with Window Method

- Separately recode exponents by sliding/fractional window method

Recoding Method	Avg. HW	Double-Exp. with $w = 2$
w -bit sliding window	$\frac{k}{w+1}$	$(1 + \frac{2}{w+1})k = 1.66k$
w -bit signed sliding window	$\frac{k}{w+2}$	$(1 + \frac{2}{w+2})k = 1.5k$

- Example:* 2-bit signed sliding window, digit set $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 3\}$

$$b = 334 = 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0 \Rightarrow \text{binary}$$

$$0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 3\ 0 \Rightarrow \text{2-bit sliding window}$$

$$0\ 0\ 3\ 0\ 0\ \bar{3}\ 0\ 0\ \bar{1}\ 0 \Rightarrow \text{2-bit signed sliding window}$$

- Prepare separate tables: $\{x, x^3, x^{-1}, x^{-3}\}$, $\{y, y^3, y^{-1}, y^{-3}\}$

Simultaneous Double-Exp. with Recodings

- Recode exponents by NAF or Joint Sparse Form

- *Example:* double-exp. $x^a y^b$,

Average complexity

$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = 403 = 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1 \\ b = 334 = 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$	binary average j -HW = $0.75k$	$1.75k$
$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1\ 0\ \bar{1}\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ \bar{1} \\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ \bar{1}\ 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$	NAF recoding separately average j -HW = $0.56k$	$1.56k$
$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1\ 0\ \bar{1}\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ \bar{1}\ \bar{1}\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ \bar{1}\ 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$	JSF recoding average j -HW = $0.5k$	$1.5k$

- Prepare joint table: $\{x, x^{-1}, y, y^{-1}, xy, (xy)^{-1}, xy^{-1}, x^{-1}y\}$

Binary GCD Multi-Exponentiation Algorithm

Euclidean Double-Exponentiation Algorithm²

- Find GCD of a and b when evaluating $x^a y^b$
 - $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b) = \gcd(b, r)$ where $a = bq + r$
 - $x^a y^b = x^{(bq+r)} y^b = x^r (x^{bq} y^b) = (yx^q)^b x^r = z^b x^r = \dots$
- Evaluate the double-exponentiation $x^a y^b$ by
 1. Initialize: $(A_{\langle 0 \rangle}, B_{\langle 0 \rangle}, X_{\langle 0 \rangle}, Y_{\langle 0 \rangle}) = (a, b, x, y)$
 2. $(A_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, B_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, X_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, Y_{\langle i+1 \rangle}) = (B_{\langle i \rangle}, A_{\langle i \rangle} \bmod B_{\langle i \rangle}, Y_{\langle i \rangle} \times X_{\langle i \rangle}^{\lfloor A_{\langle i \rangle} / B_{\langle i \rangle} \rfloor}, X_{\langle i \rangle})$
 3. Terminate: $x^a y^b = X_{\langle i \rangle}^{A_{\langle i \rangle}}$ when $B_{\langle i \rangle} = 0$

²In 1989, Bergeron *et al.* firstly employed Euclidean algorithm to construct continued fractions for evaluating double-exponentiation.

Binary GCD Algorithm

- Alternate method to find greatest common divisor, base on
 1. $\gcd(a, b) = 2 \gcd(a/2, b/2)$, when both a and b are even
 2. $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a/2, b)$, when a is even and b is odd
 3. $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a - b, b)$, when $a \geq b$
- Recursively perform $\gcd(a, b) = \begin{cases} \gcd((a - b)/2^k, b) \\ \gcd(a, (b - a)/2^k) \end{cases}$
- More efficient when handling long integers
 - No long-integer modular operation
 - Only subtraction and right shifting (divided by 2)

Binary GCD Double-Exponentiation Algorithm

- Compute GCD of exponents by binary GCD algorithm

$$- x^a y^b = (x^2)^{a/2} y^b \text{ (if } a \text{ is even)} \quad \text{or} \quad = x^{a-b} (xy)^b \text{ (if } a \geq b)$$

$$(A_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, B_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, X_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, Y_{\langle i+1 \rangle}) = \begin{cases} (A_{\langle i \rangle}/2, B_{\langle i \rangle}, X_{\langle i \rangle}^2, Y_{\langle i \rangle}) & \text{if } A_{\langle i \rangle} \text{ is even} \\ (A_{\langle i \rangle}, B_{\langle i \rangle}/2, X_{\langle i \rangle}, Y_{\langle i \rangle}^2) & \text{if } B_{\langle i \rangle} \text{ is even} \\ (A_{\langle i \rangle} - B_{\langle i \rangle}, B_{\langle i \rangle}, X_{\langle i \rangle}, X_{\langle i \rangle} Y_{\langle i \rangle}) & \text{if } A_{\langle i \rangle} \geq B_{\langle i \rangle} \\ (A_{\langle i \rangle}, B_{\langle i \rangle} - A_{\langle i \rangle}, X_{\langle i \rangle} Y_{\langle i \rangle}, Y_{\langle i \rangle}) & \text{if } B_{\langle i \rangle} > A_{\langle i \rangle} \end{cases}$$

- Require about $1.4 \log_2 a$ squarings and $0.7 \log_2 a$ multiplications when evaluating $x^a y^b$ when $a \approx b$ Complexity = $2.1k$

Analysis of bGCD Double-Exp. Alg.

- Evaluate performance³ by $\log_2(A_{\langle i \rangle} B_{\langle i \rangle})$ (i.e., length of $A_{\langle i \rangle} B_{\langle i \rangle}$)
- Halving: $(A_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, B_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, X_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, Y_{\langle i+1 \rangle}) = (A_{\langle i \rangle}/2, B_{\langle i \rangle}, X_{\langle i \rangle}^2, Y_{\langle i \rangle})$
 - $\log_2(A_{\langle i \rangle}) - \log_2(A_{\langle i \rangle}/2) = 1$, always reduce 1 bit
- Subtraction: $(\dots) = (A_{\langle i \rangle} - B_{\langle i \rangle}, B_{\langle i \rangle}, X_{\langle i \rangle}, X_{\langle i \rangle} Y_{\langle i \rangle})$
 - $\log_2(A_{\langle i \rangle}) - \log_2(A_{\langle i \rangle} - B_{\langle i \rangle})$ depends on $A_{\langle i \rangle}/B_{\langle i \rangle}$
 - Reduce more bits when $A_{\langle i \rangle} \approx B_{\langle i \rangle}$
 - Reduce almost nothing when $A_{\langle i \rangle} \gg B_{\langle i \rangle}$

³Referring to the analysis of Brent in 1976.

Improvement to bGCD Double-Exp. Alg.

- **Strategy 1:** Always perform subtraction when $A_{\langle i \rangle} \approx B_{\langle i \rangle}$
 - Subtraction has better performance than halving if $A_{\langle i \rangle} \approx B_{\langle i \rangle}$
 - Determine $A_{\langle i \rangle} \approx B_{\langle i \rangle}$ by length, $\lfloor \log_2 A_{\langle i \rangle} \rfloor - \lfloor \log_2 B_{\langle i \rangle} \rfloor \leq 1$
- **Strategy 2:** Append 1^1 to be a triple-exp. $x^a y^b 1^1$
 - Solve the worst case, $A_{\langle i \rangle}$ is odd, $B_{\langle i \rangle}$ is even, $A_{\langle i \rangle} \gg B_{\langle i \rangle}$
 - $A_{\langle i+1+k \rangle} = (A_{\langle i \rangle} - 1) / 2^k$,
until $A_{\langle i+1+k \rangle}$ is odd, or $A_{\langle i+1+k \rangle} \approx B_{\langle i \rangle}$
 - Require 1 additional variable,
 $X_{\langle i \rangle}^{A_{\langle i \rangle}} Y_{\langle i \rangle}^{B_{\langle i \rangle}} Z_{\langle i \rangle} = X_{\langle i \rangle}^{(A_{\langle i \rangle} - 1)} Y_{\langle i \rangle}^{B_{\langle i \rangle}} (Z_{\langle i \rangle} \times X_{\langle i \rangle})$

Comparison of Double-Exp. Alg.

- Performance comparison of 1024-bit double-exponentiation

Algorithm	Avg. # of Operations			Avg. Comp.	Variables	
	Square	Mul.	Sum		Base	Exp
Euclidean	749.7	896.8	1646.5	1.6079	3	3
Binary GCD	1445.3	723.3	2168.5	2.1177	2	2
Strategy 1	724.8	1048.1	1772.9	1.7314	2	2
Strategy 1&2	503.5	1106.8	1610.3	1.5726	3	2
Simult. binary	1024	768.0	1792.0	1.75	4	2
Simult. JSF	1024	512.0	1536.0	1.5	5 / 9	2
Inter. binary	1024	1024.0	2048.0	2.0	3	2
Inter. 2-uSW	1024	682.7	1706.7	1.6667	5	2
Inter. 2-sSW	1024	512.0	1536.0	1.5	5 / 9	2

binary GCD **Multi-Exp.** Algorithm

- Follow the same strategies of binary GCD double-exponentiation to reduce the largest exponent as efficient as possible
- No pre-computation table, **memory efficiency**
- Scalable from single exp. $g^e 1^1$ to multi-exp.
Good performance for any bit length of exponents

Performance of High-Dimensional

- Performance comparison of 1024-bit multi-exponentiation

Term	Algorithm	Avg. # of		Avg. Comp.	Variables	
		Square	Mul.		Base	Exp.
3	bGCD	284.3	1503.5	1.746	4	3
	Simult. binary	1024.0	4+ 896.0	0.004+1.875	8	3
	Inter. binary	1024.0	1536.0	2.500	4	3
4	bGCD	173.7	1822.4	1.949	5	4
	Simult. binary	1024.0	11+ 960.0	0.010+1.938	16	4
	Inter. binary	1024.0	2048.0	3.000	5	4
10	bGCD	20.8	3301.1	3.244	10	10
	Simult. binary	1024.0	1013+1023.0	0.989+1.999	1024	10
	Inter. binary	1024.0	5120.0	6.000	11	10

Lim-Lee Algorithm and BGMW Method

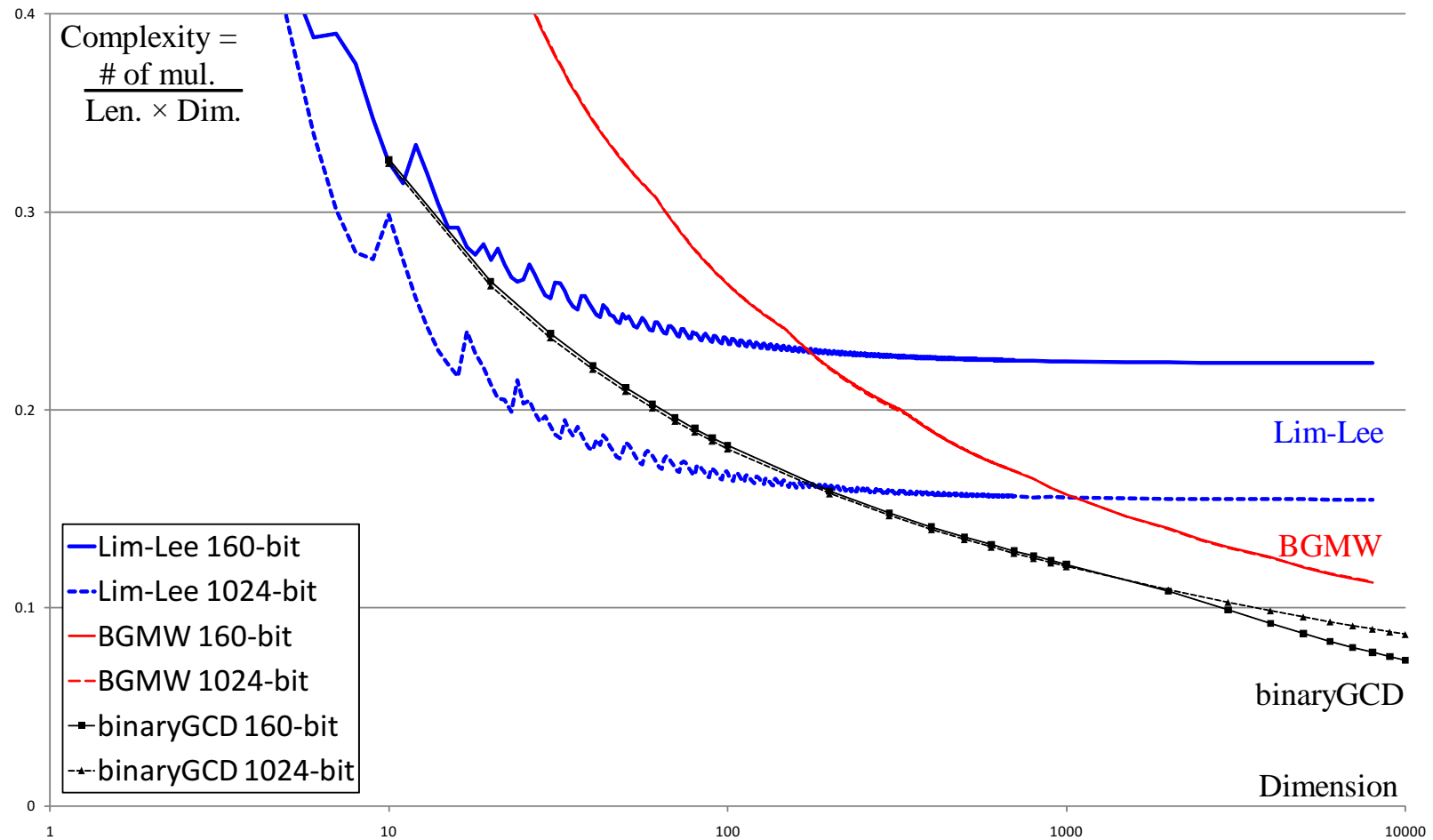
- Lim-Lee: simultaneous exponentiation with multiple smaller tables
 - Split h base numbers into l set, construct table on each set
 - Table size reduced from $O(2^h)$ to $O(l2^{h/l})$, l -fold multiplications

$$03 \quad R = R^2$$

$$04 \quad R = R \times (g_1^{e_{1,i}} \times \dots \times g_w^{e_{w,i}}) \times (g_{w+1}^{e_{w+1}} \times \dots \times g_{2w}^{e_h}) \times \dots$$

- BGMW: w -bit fixed window with a special comp. sequence
 - *Example:* $R^8 \times (g_1^3 \times g_2 \times g_3^3 \times g_4^4) \rightarrow$
 $R^8 \times (g_4) \times (g_4 g_1 g_3) \times (g_4 g_1 g_3) \times (g_4 g_1 g_3 g_2)$

Comparison with **Lim-Lee** and **BGMW**



Side-Channel Analysis and Countermeasures

Simple Power Analysis

- Attacker can distinguish squaring and multiplication
 - How much info can be retrieved from S and M sequence?
- Left-to-right binary square-and-multiply algorithm

03 $R = R^2$ \Leftarrow Squaring always happens
04 if $e_i = 1$ then $R = R \times g$ \Leftarrow Mul. indicates a nonzero bit

- Fully recover private exponent when retrieving one sequence
- *Example:* . . . S M S S S M S M . . . indicates . . . 10011 . . .

Immunity Against Simple Power Analysis

- bGCD multi-exp. alg. is natively with immunity against SPA, because both base numbers are updated

– When squaring occurs, $(X_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, Y_{\langle i+1 \rangle}) = \begin{cases} (X_{\langle i \rangle}^2, Y_{\langle i \rangle}) \\ (X_{\langle i \rangle}, Y_{\langle i \rangle}^2) \end{cases}$,
can not distinguish which variable is squared

– When multiplication occurs, $(X_{\langle i+1 \rangle}, Y_{\langle i+1 \rangle}) = \begin{cases} (X_{\langle i \rangle} Y_{\langle i \rangle}, Y_{\langle i \rangle}) \\ (X_{\langle i \rangle}, X_{\langle i \rangle} Y_{\langle i \rangle}) \end{cases}$,
can not distinguish which variable is overwritten

- More than $1.5k$ indistinguishable operations in k -bit double-exp.

Differential Power Analysis

- Statistical methods to test whether expected values appear
 - Power consumption depends on operand
- In left-to-right square-and-multiply algorithm, if attacker has retrieved MSBs of exponent, $E_{\langle i+1 \rangle} = (e_{k-1} \cdots e_{i+1})$
 1. Calculate $R_{\langle i+1 \rangle} = g^{E_{\langle i+1 \rangle}}$
 2. $E_{\langle i \rangle} = (e_{k-1} \cdots e_{i+1} e_i)$, guess $e_i = 0$ or 1
 3. Either $R_{\langle i \rangle} = R_{\langle i+1 \rangle}^2$ or $R_{\langle i \rangle} = R_{\langle i+1 \rangle}^2 \times g$
 4. Test whether $(R_{\langle i \rangle})^2$ or $(R_{\langle i \rangle})^2$ appears by DPA

Immunity Against Differential Power Analysis

- To prevent DPA by appending r^ϕ , where r is a random number and ϕ is the order of group
 - Single exp. $g^e \implies g^e r^\phi 1^1$, Complexity = $1.5726k$
 - Double exp. $x^a y^b \implies x^a y^b r^\phi 1^1$, Complexity = $1.7461k$
- The intermediate values will be of the form: $g^\alpha r^\beta$
 - Cannot guess them because r is unknown \implies NO DPA
 - After computation, we have $\left(g^\alpha r^\beta\right)^0 \left(g^{\alpha'} r^{\beta'}\right)^0 \left(g^e\right)^1$
 - * Either $g^\alpha r^\beta$ or $g^{\alpha'} r^{\beta'}$ will be the next random number

Summary of bGCD Multi-exp. Alg.

- Comparable performance, scalable from single exp. to multi-exp.
- No pre-computation table, no inversion computation
- Side-channel immunity

- No explicit proof of complexity, only simulation
- All variables will be overwritten during computation

Thank You