

Discrete Logarithms in Medium Characteristic Finite Fields

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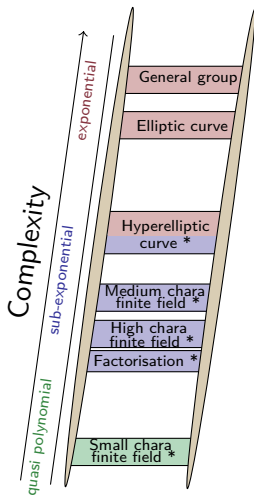
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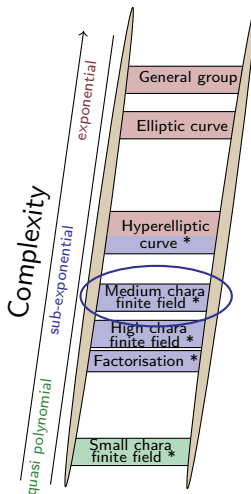
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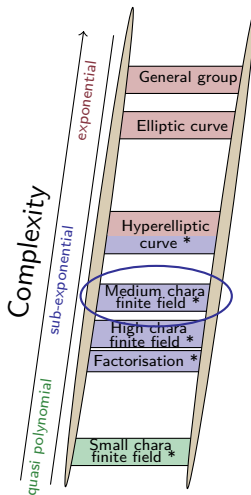
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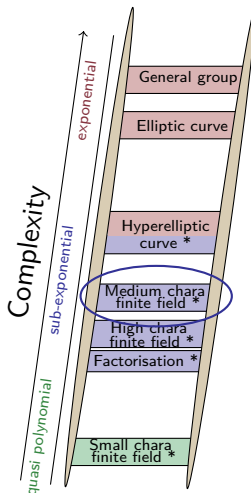
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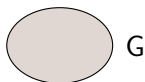
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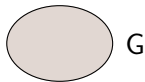
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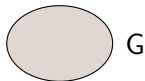
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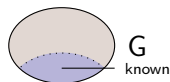
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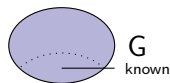
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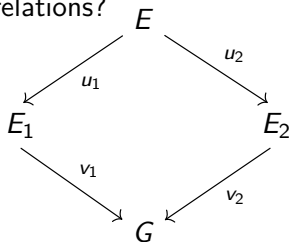
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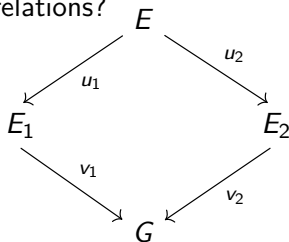
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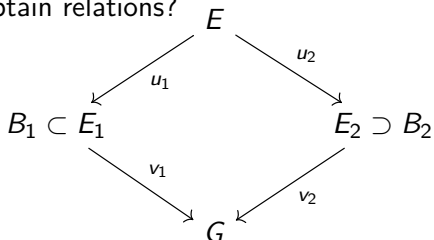
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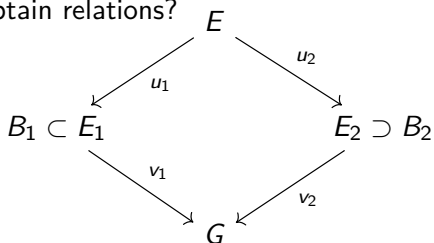
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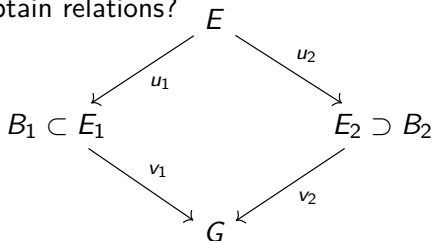
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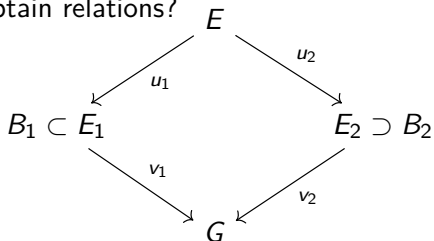
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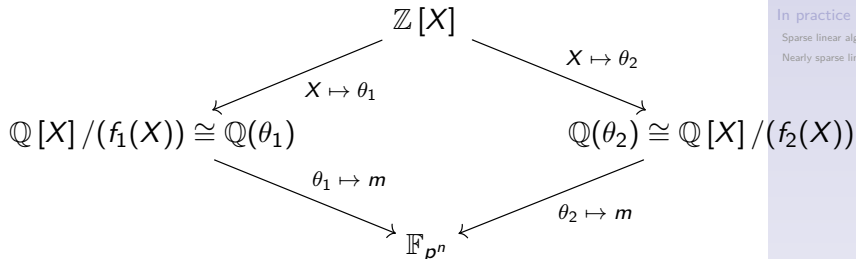
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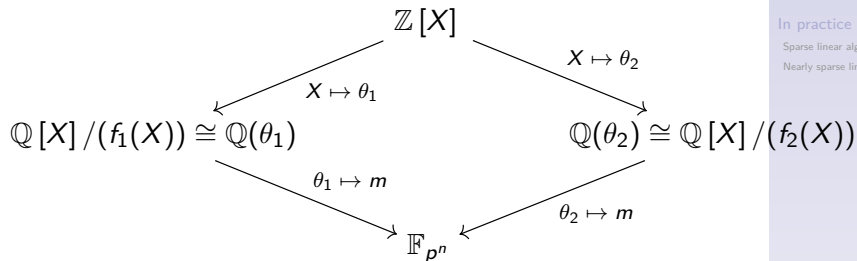
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Factor base ? $B_i :=$ prime ideals (of the ring of integers) with a norm smaller than a certain smoothness* bound.

* An ideal \mathfrak{I} is B -smooth if all its factors have norms lower than B .

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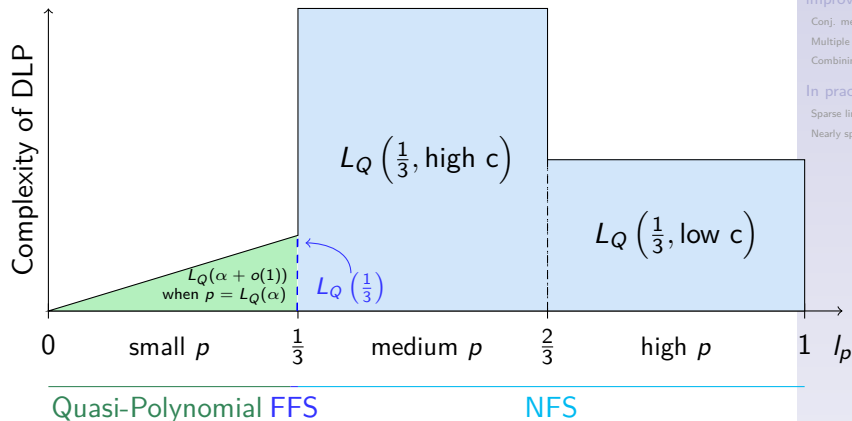
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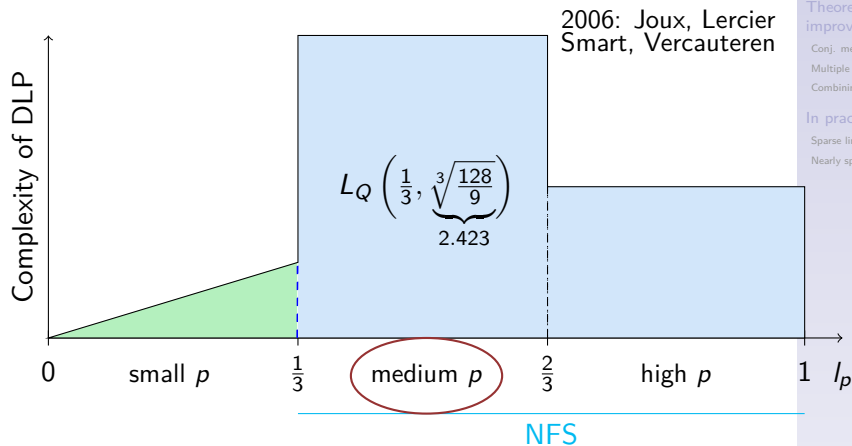
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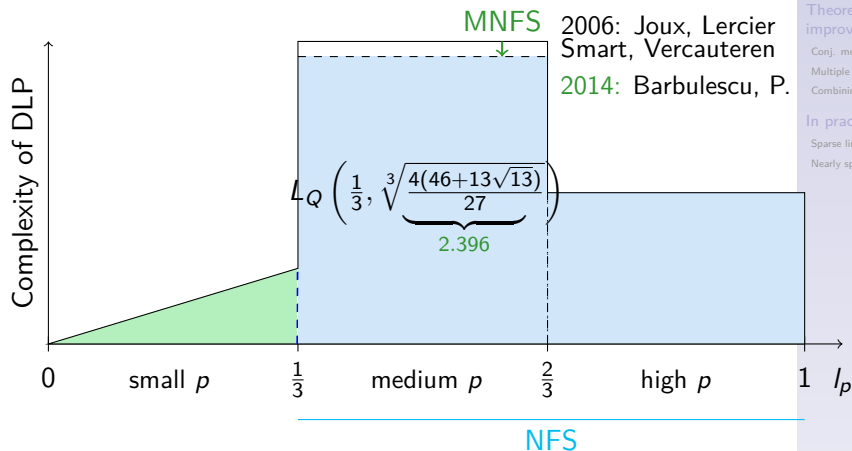
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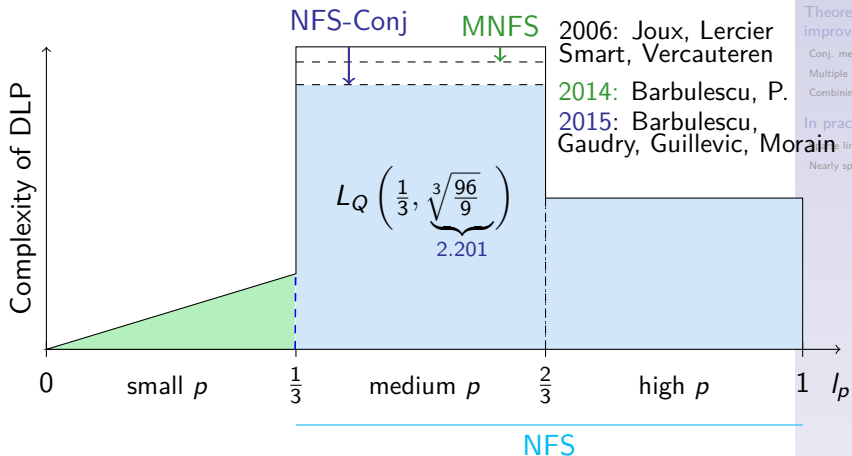
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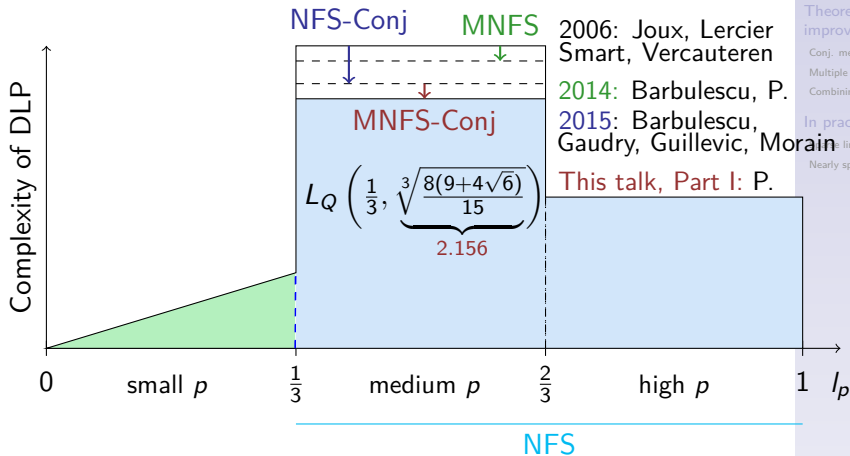
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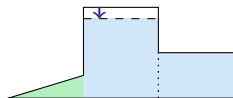
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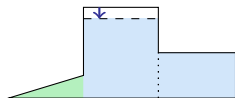
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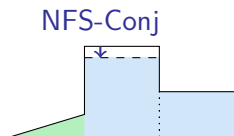
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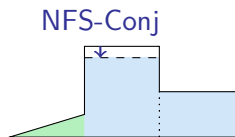
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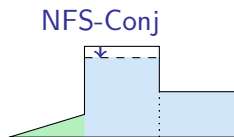
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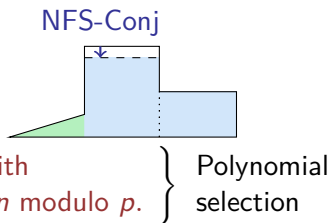
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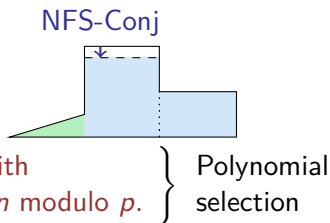
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New polynomial selection proposed by Barbulescu, Gaudry, Guillevic and Morain: the **Conjugation Method**.



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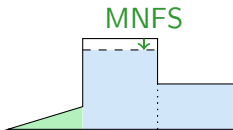
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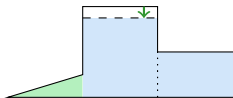
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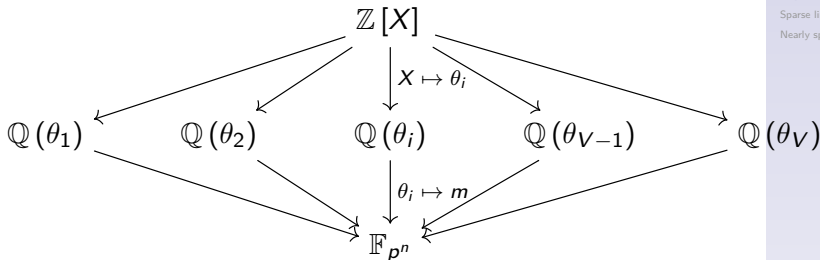
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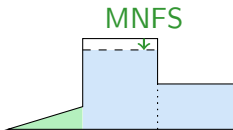
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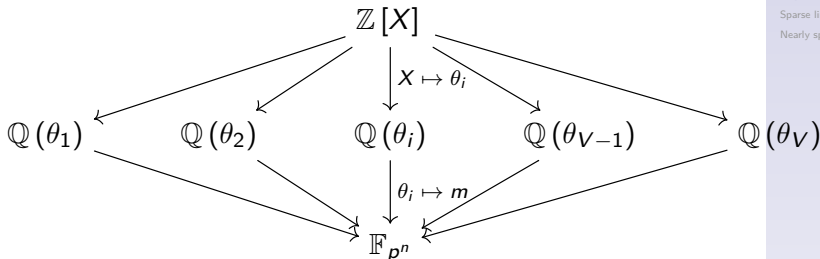
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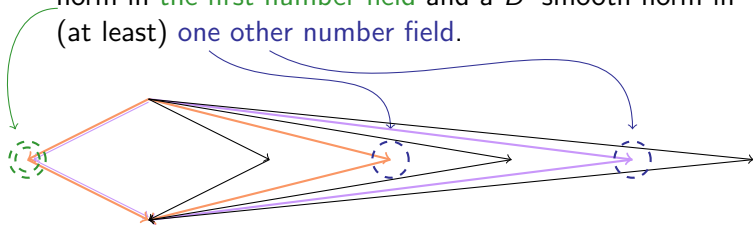
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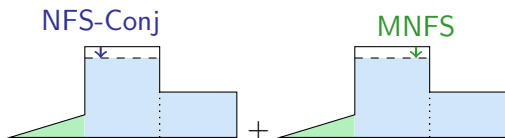
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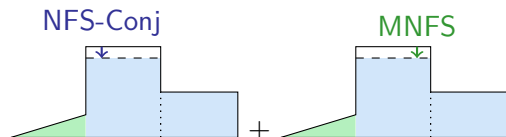
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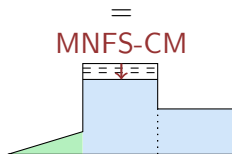
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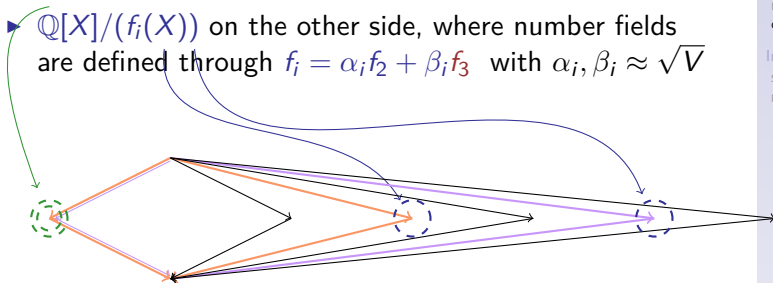
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Construct a Multiple NFS thanks to:

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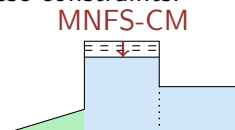
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\Rightarrow Increase the bitsize of the finite field by 6.4% to get the same security level.

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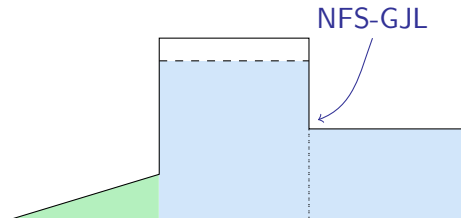
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- ▶ the Generalized Joux-Lercier Method [BGGM 15]
- ▶ with MNFS.



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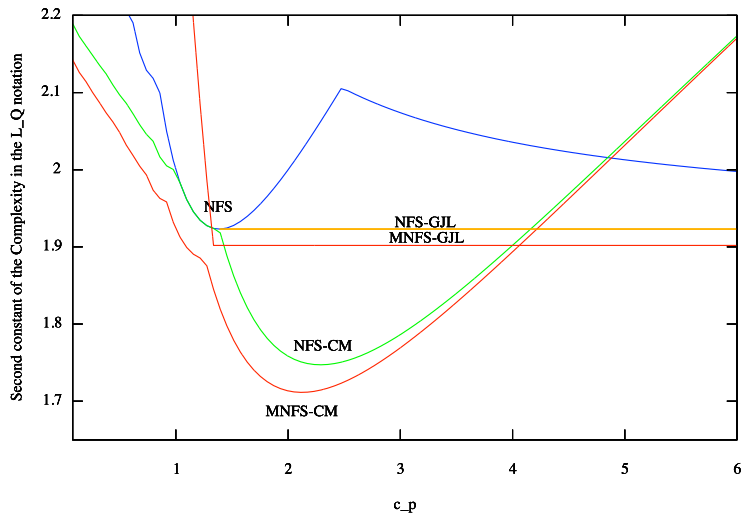
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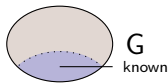
A joint work with Antoine Joux.

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If you want to compute Discrete Logs in G :

1. Collection of Relations (or Sieving Phase)

→ Create a lot of sparse multiplicative relations between some (small) specific elements = the factor base



$$\prod g_i^{e_i} = \prod g_i^{e'_i} \Rightarrow \sum (e_i - e'_i) \log(g_i) = 0$$

→ So a lot of sparse linear equations

2. Linear Algebra

→ Recover the Discrete Logs of the factor base

3. Individual Logarithm Phase

→ Recover the Discrete Log of an arbitrary element

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- ▶ Matrix over **finite sets**.
- ▶ **Sparse matrices** = the major part of the entries = 0.
Often: nbr of non zero coeffs per row is bounded by a constant, let us say K .

Some famous examples

- ▶ Factoring. Seek for a non trivial elt of the kernel of a matrix mod 2.
- ▶ Discrete log. Last records in small charac. for instance.

Advantages ?

- ▶ Less memory
- ▶ Specific algorithms

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it overflows the available memory!
→ Stupid method.

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- ▶ Adapted Gaussian Elimination
= choose pivots that minimize the loss of sparsity

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- ▶ or, without any modification of the matrix, using matrix-by-vector multiplications only:
 - ▶ Krylov Subspace methods
 - ▶ Wiedemann algorithm(s)

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Problem

Solve:

$$Sx = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad Sx = y$$

with S a sparse matrix with coefficients in a ring \mathbb{K} ,
 K non zero coeffs. per row max,
 $N = \max(\# \text{ rows}, \# \text{ col})$

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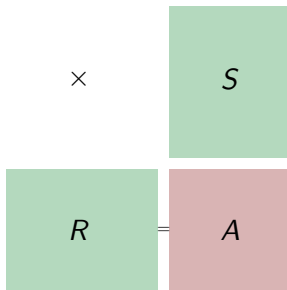
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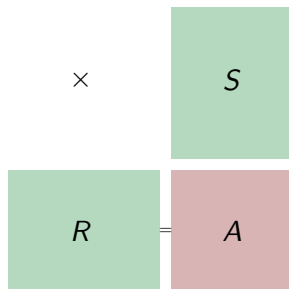
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Why?

- ▶ Powers of A are well defined.
- ▶ A not sparse but multiplying $R S = A$ with a vector is quick: $O(KN)$
- ▶ $S.x = 0 \Rightarrow A.x = 0$ (or $S.x = y \Rightarrow A.x = y' = R.y$).
The converse is true for almost all random matrices R .

Try to solve $A.x = 0$ (or $A.x = y'$).

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A invertible permits to assume $a_0 \neq 0$.

$$\text{So } \sum_{i=0}^n a_i A^i x = 0 \Leftrightarrow -a_0 x = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = -(1/a_0) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^{i-1} Ax$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = -(1/a_0) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^{i-1} y. \text{ Here is } x \text{ again !}$$

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Dlog-NFS raises a question of identity...

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... what if the matrix is not *truly* sparse?

Matrices in NFS

Computing Dlog with NFS leads to consider matrices of the form:

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Is it **sparse**? Is it **dense**?

$K = 5$
 $N = 11$

- ▶ If we apply a **classical algo.**, we don't take advantage of zero coeffs.
- ▶ If we apply **Block-Wiedemann**, we don't take advantage of the particular distribution of non zero coeffs.

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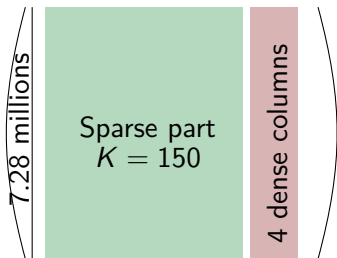
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- ▶ Number fields complicate the linear algebra step: need to take into account the contribution of units in these number fields.
- ▶ \Rightarrow Schirokauer maps.
- ▶ 1 unit = +1 Schirokauer map = +1 dense column

Example

- ▶ Latest record on a prime field \mathbb{F}_p , ($p \approx 180$ digits)
- ▶ June 2014 by Bouvier, Gaudry, Imbert, Jeljeli, Thomé.



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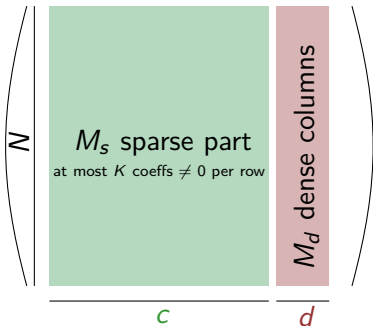
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Remark

- ▶ There is no restriction on the nbr of dense columns.
- ▶ Being able to recover a non trivial elt of the kernel of a nearly sparse matrix suffices!

Let's assume we want to solve $M \cdot x = y$ with M a d -nearly sparse matrix.

$$\text{Then } \begin{pmatrix} M & | & y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} M & | & y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Since $\begin{pmatrix} M & | & y \end{pmatrix}$ is $d + 1$ -nearly sparse, it's ok.

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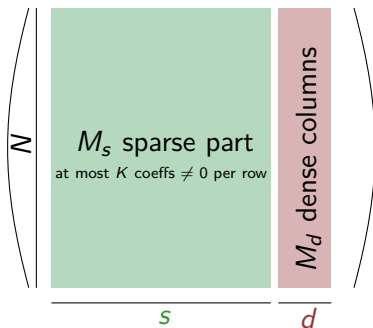
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We propose to design an algorithm with asymptotic complexity:

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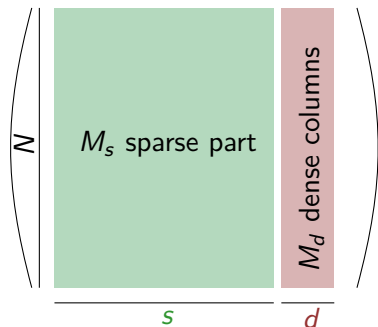
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Key ideas



1. Apply Block-Wiedemann on the sparse part only.
2. Make the d dense columns contribute in the initial block V , *i.e.* set each dense col. = one initial vector of the matrix sequences to construct.

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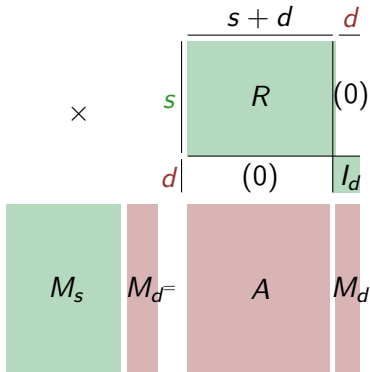
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1. Preconditioning step on the RIGHT of the matrix M :



Why ?

- ▶ Powers of A are well defined.
- ▶ Multiplying $M_s R = A$ by a vector is quick enough.
- ▶ If R surj. : $(A|M_d).x = 0 \Rightarrow M.x = 0$

Try to solve $(A|M_d).x = 0$.

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with $V = (v_1, \dots, v_d)$, W two rand. matrices.

Parallelization over c machines :

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Computer icon} \\ d \end{array} \quad ({}^tWA^i d_d)_{i=0,\dots,2N/d}$$

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3. Reconstruction of coeffs. a_{ij} s.t. $\sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=0}^{N/d} a_{ij} A^i d_j = 0$
thanks to Thomé.

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4. Computation of an elt of the kernel of $\begin{pmatrix} A & M_d \end{pmatrix}$

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=0}^{N/d} a_{ij} A^i d_j = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^{N/d} a_{ij} A^i d_j + \sum_{j=1}^d a_{0j} d_j = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^{N/d} a_{ij} A^{i-1} d_j}_{\text{let us say } x'} + \sum_{j=1}^d a_{0j} d_j = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A \cdot x' + a_{01} d_1 + a_{02} d_2 + \dots + a_{0d} d_d = 0$$

So ${}^t(x' | a_{01} | a_{02} | \dots | a_{0d}) \in \ker \begin{pmatrix} A & M_d \end{pmatrix}$.

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Main result

We obtain an asymptotic complexity of:

$$O(KN^2) + \tilde{O}(\max(c^2, d^2)N) \text{ operations,}$$

to be compared with previous $O((K + d)N^2) + \tilde{O}(c^2 N)$ complexity.

When $d \leq c$, it becomes:

$$O(KN^2) + \tilde{O}(c^2 N) \text{ operations.}$$

Remark

When we have more machines than dense columns, these columns cost NOTHING with our algorithm!

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And if $c < d$, how many dense col. can we still have?

- ▶ As soon as $d < N^{1-\epsilon}$ ($\epsilon > 0$), our algorithm is better than Block-Wiedemann.
- ▶ As soon as $d < N^{\omega-2-\epsilon}$ ($\epsilon > 0$), it is better than classical (dense) linear algebra algorithms of complexity $O(N^\omega)$.

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Example

Recalling that $\omega \approx 2.37$, with $N^{1/3}$ dense columns for instance, our algorithm is still faster than any others.

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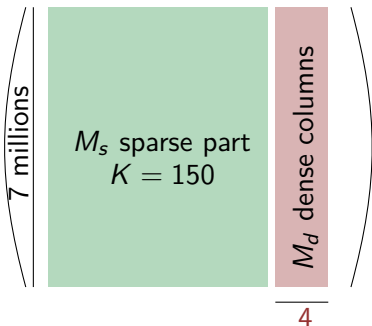
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Nearly Sparse Linear Algebra applied to Dlog

- ▶ Latest record on a prime field \mathbb{F}_p , ($p \approx 180$ digits)
- ▶ June 2014 by Bouvier, Gaudry, Imbert, Jeljeli, Thomé.
- ▶ Parameters of the matrix: $N \approx 7,28$ millions of rows, $K = 150$ non zero coeff. per row, 4 dense columns.
- ▶ Parallelized over 16 machines.



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To conclude with medium characteristic

- ▶ If you are a cryptographer:
increase your finite fields cardinality by 6.4%
- ▶ If you are a cryptanalyst:
do not worry about dense columns.

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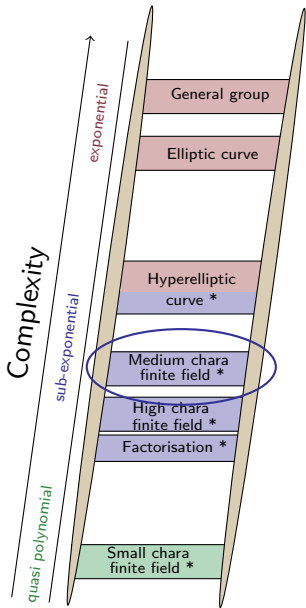
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