

# Weil Pairing - study

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## Abstract

Notes taken from [Matan Prsma](#) math seminars and also while reading about Bilinear Pairings. Usually while reading papers and books I take handwritten notes, this document contains some of them re-written to *LaTeX*.

The notes are not complete, don't include all the steps neither all the proofs. I use these notes to revisit the concepts after some time of reading the topic.

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## 1 Rational functions

Let  $E/\mathbb{k}$  be an elliptic curve defined by:  $y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$ .

**set of polynomials over  $E$ :**  $\mathbb{k}[E] := \mathbb{k}[x, y]/(y^2 - x^3 - Ax - B = 0)$   
we can replace  $y^2$  in the polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{k}[E]$  with  $x^3 + Ax + B$

**canonical form:**  $f(x, y) = v(x) + yw(x)$  for  $v, w \in \mathbb{k}[x]$

**conjugate:**  $\bar{f} = v(x) - yw(x)$

**norm:**  $N_f = f \cdot \bar{f} = v(x)^2 - y^2 w(x)^2 = v(x)^2 - (x^3 + Ax + B)w(x)^2 \in \mathbb{k}[x] \subset \mathbb{k}[E]$

we can see that  $N_{fg} = N_f \cdot N_g$

**set of rational functions over  $E$ :**  $\mathbb{k}(E) := \mathbb{k}[E] \times \mathbb{k}[E] / \sim$

For  $r \in \mathbb{k}(E)$  and a finite point  $P \in E(\mathbb{k})$ ,  $r$  is *finite* at  $P$  iff

$$\exists r = \frac{f}{g} \text{ with } f, g \in \mathbb{k}[E], \text{ s.t. } g(P) \neq 0$$

We define  $r(P) = \frac{f(P)}{g(P)}$ . Otherwise,  $r(P) = \infty$ .

Remark:  $r = \frac{f}{g} \in \mathbb{k}(E)$ ,  $r = \frac{f}{g} = \frac{f \cdot \bar{g}}{g \cdot \bar{g}} = \frac{f \bar{g}}{N_g}$ , thus

$$r(x, y) = \frac{(f \bar{g})(x, y)}{N_g(x, y)} = \underbrace{\frac{v(x)}{N_g(x)} + y \frac{w(x)}{N_g(x)}}_{\text{canonical form of } r(x, y)}$$

**degree of  $f$ :** Let  $f \in \mathbb{k}[E]$ , in canonical form:  $f(x, y) = v(x) + yw(x)$ ,

$$\deg(f) := \max\{2 \cdot \deg_x(v), 3 + 2 \cdot \deg_x(w)\}$$

For  $f, g \in \mathbb{k}[E]$ :

- i.  $\deg(f) = \deg_x(N_f)$
- ii.  $\deg(f \cdot g) = \deg(f) + \deg(g)$

**Def 1.1.** Let  $r = \frac{f}{g} \in \mathbb{k}(E)$

- i. if  $\deg(f) < \deg(g)$  :  $r(0) = 0$
- ii. if  $\deg(f) > \deg(g)$  :  $r$  is not finite at 0
- iii. if  $\deg(f) = \deg(g)$  with  $\deg(f)$  even:  
 $f$ 's canonical form leading terms  $ax^d$   
 $g$ 's canonical form leading terms  $bx^d$   
 $a, b \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ ,  $d = \frac{\deg(f)}{2}$ , set  $r(0) = \frac{a}{b}$
- iv. if  $\deg(f) = \deg(g)$  with  $\deg(f)$  odd  
 $f$ 's canonical form leading terms  $ax^d$   
 $g$ 's canonical form leading terms  $bx^d$   
 $a, b \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ ,  $\deg(f) = \deg(g) = 3 + 2d$ , set  $r(0) = \frac{a}{b}$

## 1.1 Zeros, poles, uniformizers and multiplicities

$r \in \mathbb{k}(E)$  has a *zero* in  $P \in E$  if  $r(P) = 0$

$r \in \mathbb{k}(E)$  has a *pole* in  $P \in E$  if  $r(P)$  is not finite.

**uniformizer:** Let  $P \in E$ , uniformizer: rational function  $u \in \mathbb{k}(E)$  with  $u(P) = 0$  if  $\forall r \in \mathbb{k}(E) \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\exists d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{k}(E)$  finite at  $P$  with  $s(P) \neq 0$  s.t.

$$r = u^d \cdot s$$

**order:** Let  $P \in E(\mathbb{k})$ , let  $u \in \mathbb{k}(E)$  be a uniformizer at  $P$ . For  $r \in \mathbb{k}(E) \setminus \{0\}$  being a rational function with  $r = u^d \cdot s$  with  $s(P) \neq 0, \infty$ , we say that  $r$  has order  $d$  at  $P$  ( $ord_P(r) = d$ ).

**multiplicity:** *multiplicity of a zero* of  $r$  is the order of  $r$  at that point, *multiplicity of a pole* of  $r$  is the order of  $r$  at that point.

if  $P \in E(\mathbb{k})$  is neither a zero or pole of  $r$ , then  $ord_P(r) = 0$  ( $= d$ ,  $r = u^0 s$ ).

**Multiplicities, from the book "Elliptic Tales"** (p.69), to provide intuition

Factorization into *linear factors*:  $p(x) = c \cdot (x - a_1) \cdots (x - a_d)$

$d$ : degree of  $p(x)$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{k}$

Solutions to  $p(x) = 0$  are  $x = a_1, \dots, a_d$  (some  $a_i$  can be repeated)

eg.:  $p(x) = (x - 1)(x - 1)(x - 3)$ , solutions to  $p(x) = 0$ : 1, 1, 3

$x = 1$  is a solution to  $p(x) = 0$  of *multiplicity 2*.

The total number of solutions (counted with multiplicity) is  $d$ , the degree of the polynomial whose roots we are finding.

## 2 Divisors

**Def 2.1.** Divisor

$$D = \sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} n_P \cdot [P]$$

**Def 2.2.** Degree & Sum

$$deg(D) = \sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} n_P$$

$$sum(D) = \sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} n_P \cdot P$$

The set of all divisors on  $E$  forms a group: for  $D = \sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} n_P [P]$  and  $D' = \sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} m_P [P]$ ,

$$D + D' = \sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} (n_P + m_P) [P]$$

**Def 2.3.** Associated divisor

$$div(r) = \sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} ord_P(r) [P]$$

Observe that

$$\operatorname{div}(rs) = \operatorname{div}(r) + \operatorname{div}(s)$$

$$\operatorname{div}\left(\frac{r}{s}\right) = \operatorname{div}(r) - \operatorname{div}(s)$$

Observe that

$$\sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} \operatorname{ord}_P(r) \cdot P = 0$$

**Def 2.4.** Support of a divisor

$$\sum_P n_P [P], \quad \forall P \in E(\mathbb{k}) \text{ s.t. } n_P \neq 0$$

**Def 2.5.** Principal divisor iff

$$\operatorname{deg}(D) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{sum}(D) = 0$$

$D \sim D'$  iff  $D - D'$  is principal.

**Def 2.6.** Evaluation of a rational function (function  $r$  evaluated at  $D$ )

$$r(D) = \prod r(P)^{n_P}$$

### 3 Weil reciprocity

**Thm 3.1.** (Weil reciprocity) Let  $E/\mathbb{k}$  be an e.c. over an algebraically closed field. If  $r, s \in \mathbb{k} \setminus \{0\}$  are rational functions whose divisors have disjoint support, then

$$r(\operatorname{div}(s)) = s(\operatorname{div}(r))$$

Proof. (todo)

**Example**

$$p(x) = x^2 - 1, \quad q(x) = \frac{x}{x-2}$$

$$\operatorname{div}(p) = 1 \cdot [1] + 1 \cdot [-1] - 2 \cdot [\infty]$$

$$\operatorname{div}(q) = 1 \cdot [0] - 1 \cdot [2]$$

(they have disjoint support)

$$p(\operatorname{div}(q)) = p(0)^1 \cdot p(2)^{-1} = (0^2 - 1)^1 \cdot (2^2 - 1)^{-1} = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q(\operatorname{div}(p)) &= q(1)^1 \cdot q(-1)^1 - q(\infty)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1-2}\right)^1 \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{-1-2}\right)^1 \cdot \left(\frac{\infty}{\infty-2}\right)^2 = \frac{-1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

so,  $p(\operatorname{div}(q)) = q(\operatorname{div}(p))$ .

## 4 Generic Weil Pairing

Let  $E(\mathbb{k})$ , with  $\mathbb{k}$  of char  $p$ ,  $n$  s.t.  $p \nmid n$ .

$\mathbb{k}$  large enough:  $E(\mathbb{k})[n] = E(\overline{\mathbb{k}}) = \mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$  (with  $n^2$  elements).

For  $P, Q \in E[n]$ ,

$$D_P \sim [P] - [O]$$

$$D_Q \sim [Q] - [O]$$

We need them to have disjoint support:

$$D_P \sim [P] - [O]$$

$$D'_Q \sim [Q + T] - [T]$$

$$\Delta D = D_Q - D'_Q = [Q] - [O] - [Q + T] + [T]$$

Note that  $nD_P$  and  $nD_Q$  are principal. Proof:

$$nD_P = n[P] - n[O]$$

$$\deg(nD_P) = n - n = 0$$

$$\text{sum}(nD_P) = nP - nO = 0$$

( $nP = 0$  bcs.  $P$  is  $n$ -torsion)

Since  $nD_P, nD_Q$  are principal, we know that  $f_P, f_Q$  exist.

Take

$$f_P : \text{div}(f_P) = nD_P$$

$$f_Q : \text{div}(f_Q) = nD_Q$$

We define

$$e_n(P, Q) = \frac{f_P(D_Q)}{f_Q(D_P)}$$

Remind: evaluation of a rational function over a divisor  $D$ :

$$D = \sum n_P [P]$$

$$r(D) = \prod r(P)^{n_P}$$

If  $D_P = [P + S] - [S]$ ,  $D_Q = [Q - T] - [T]$  what is  $e_n(P, Q)$ ?

$$f_P(D_Q) = f_P(Q + T)^1 \cdot f_P(T)^{-1}$$

$$f_Q(D_P) = f_Q(P + S)^1 \cdot f_Q(S)^{-1}$$

$$e_n(P, Q) = \frac{f_P(Q + T)}{f_P(T)} / \frac{f_Q(P + S)}{f_Q(S)}$$

with  $S \neq \{O, P, -Q, P - Q\}$ .

## 5 Properties

i.  $e_n(P, Q)^n = 1 \forall P, Q \in E[n]$   
 $(\Rightarrow e_n(P, Q)$  is a  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity)

ii. Bilinearity

$$e_n(P_1 + P_2, Q) = e_n(P_1, Q) \cdot e_n(P_2, Q)$$

$$e_n(P, Q_1 + Q_2) = e_n(P, Q_1) \cdot e_n(P, Q_2)$$

*proof:* recall that  $e_n(P, Q) = \frac{g(S+P)}{g(S)}$ , then,

$$e_n(P_1, Q) \cdot e_n(P_2, Q) = \frac{g(P_1 + S)}{g(S)} \cdot \frac{g(P_2 + P_1 + S)}{g(P_1 + S)}$$

(replace  $S$  by  $S + P_1$ )

$$= \frac{g(P_2 + P_1 + S)}{g(S)} = e_n(P_1 + P_2, Q)$$

iii. Alternating

$$e_n(P, P) = 1 \forall P \in E[n]$$

iv. Nondegenerate

if  $e_n(P, Q) = 1 \forall Q \in E[n]$ , then  $P = 0$

## 6 Exercises

*An Introduction to Mathematical Cryptography, 2nd Edition* - Section 6.8. Bilinear pairings on elliptic curves

**6.29.**  $\text{div}(R(x) \cdot S(x)) = \text{div}(R(x)) + \text{div}(S(x))$ , where  $R(x), S(x)$  are rational functions.

*proof:*

*Norm* of  $f$ :  $N_f = f \cdot \bar{f}$ , and we know that  $N_{fg} = N_f \cdot N_g \forall \mathbb{k}[E]$ , then

$$\text{deg}(f) = \text{deg}_x(N_f)$$

and

$$\text{deg}(f \cdot g) = \text{deg}(f) + \text{deg}(g)$$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{deg}(f \cdot g) &= \text{deg}_x(N_{fg}) = \text{deg}_x(N_f \cdot N_g) \\ &= \text{deg}_x(N_f) + \text{deg}_x(N_g) = \text{deg}(f) + \text{deg}(g) \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\forall P \in E(\mathbb{k})$ ,  $\text{ord}_P(rs) = \text{ord}_P(r) + \text{ord}_P(s)$ .

As  $\text{div}(r) = \sum_{P \in E(\mathbb{k})} \text{ord}_P(r)[P]$ ,  $\text{div}(s) = \sum \text{ord}_P(s)[P]$ .

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(rs) &= \sum \operatorname{ord}_P(rs)[P] \\ &= \sum \operatorname{ord}_P(r)[P] + \sum \operatorname{ord}_P(s)[P] = \operatorname{div}(r) + \operatorname{div}(s) \end{aligned}$$

**6.31.**

$$e_m(P, Q) = e_m(Q, P)^{-1} \forall P, Q \in E[m]$$

Proof: We know that  $e_m(P, P) = 1$ , so:

$$1 = e_m(P + Q, P + Q) = e_m(P, P) \cdot e_m(P, Q) \cdot e_m(Q, P) \cdot e_m(Q, Q)$$

and we know that  $e_m(P, P) = 1$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= e_m(P, Q) \cdot e_m(Q, P) \\ \implies e_m(P, Q) &= e_m(Q, P)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$