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Counting Points on Genus 2 Curves with Real Multiplication

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Abstract: We present an accelerated Schoof-type point-counting algorithm for curves of genus 2 equipped with an efficiently computable real multiplication endomorphism. Our new algorithm reduces the complexity of genus 2 point counting over a finite field $\mathbb{GF}(q)$ of large characteristic from $\mathcal{O}(\log^8 q)$ to $\mathcal{O}(\log^5 q)$. Using our algorithm we compute a 256-bit prime-order Jacobian, suitable for cryptographic applications, and also the order of a 1024-bit Jacobian.

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