# Geometric Group Law Computations on Jacobians of Hyperelliptic Curves 

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#### Abstract

We derive a new method of computing the composition step in Cantor's algorithm for group operations on Jacobians of hyperelliptic curves. Our technique is inspired by the geometric description of the group law and applies to hyperelliptic curves of arbitrary genus. While Cantor's general composition involves arithmetic in the polynomial ring $\mathbb{F}_{q}[x]$, the algorithm we propose solves a linear system over the base field which can be written down directly from the Mumford coordinates of the group elements. One advantage to our approach is that we get explicit formulas for composition without unrolling the loop in Cantor's algorithm which includes steps operating on polynomials in $\mathbb{F}_{q}[x]$ such as the Chinese Remainder Theorem. We give more efficient formulas for group operations in both affine and projective coordinates for cryptographic systems based on Jacobians of genus 2 hyperelliptic curves in general form. We also examine several other consequences of using the geometric picture of Jacobian arithmetic for various genera.


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## 1 Introduction

The field of curve-based cryptography has flourished for the last quarter century after Koblitz [27] and Miller [40] independently proposed the use of elliptic curves in public-key cryptosystems in the mid 1980's. Compared with traditional group structures like $\mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}$, elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) offers the powerful advantage of achieving the same level of conjectured security with a much smaller elliptic curve group. In 1989, Koblitz [28] generalized this idea by proposing Jacobians of hyperelliptic curves of arbitrary genus as a way to construct Abelian groups suitable for cryptography. Roughly speaking, hyperelliptic curves of genus $g$ can achieve groups of the same size and security as elliptic curves, whilst being defined over finite fields with $g$ times fewer bits ${ }^{4}$. At the same time however, increasing the genus of a hyperelliptic curve significantly increases the computational cost of performing a group operation in the corresponding Jacobian group. Thus, the question that remains of great interest to the public-key cryptography community is, under which circumstances elliptic curves are preferable, and vice versa. At the present time, elliptic curves carry on standing as the front-runner in most practical scenarios, but whilst both ECC and hyperelliptic curve cryptography (HECC) continue to enjoy a wide range of improvements, this question remains open in general. For a nice overview of the progress in this race and of the state-of-the-art in both cases, the reader is referred to the talks by Bernstein [3], and by Lange [35].

For group operations on general Weierstrass elliptic curves, the simple geometric "chord-andtangent" description easily translates into efficient explicit formulas. A geometric interpretation of the group law is not a prerequisite for efficient formulas; an example in genus 1 is the extremely efficient formulas for Edwards curves [5,24], which were developed a while before the geometric description of the group law was presented [1]. Even in this case though, whilst not directly enhancing the speed of ECC specific computations, the geometric depiction in [1] was utilized to produce more efficient formulas in the context of pairing-based cryptography (PBC). Indeed, pairing computations greatly benefit from a well-balanced synergy between fast group operations and a simple geometric

[^0]description of the group law. For instance, whilst there are several elliptic curve models that have superseded Weierstrass models in the context of ECC operations [4], Weierstrass curves (accompanied by the simple chord-and-tangent description) still give rise to the fastest formulas for pairing computations [9]. In any case, if a geometric depiction of a group law is available and can be utilized, it is likely to at least enhance the efficiency of the associated computations in some contexts.

Cantor [7] was the first to give a concrete algorithm for performing computations in Jacobian groups of hyperelliptic curves over fields of odd characteristic. Shortly after, Koblitz [28] modified this algorithm to apply to fields of any characteristic. Cantor's algorithm makes use of the polynomial representation of group elements proposed by Mumford [42], and consists of two stages: (i) the composition stage, based on Gauss's classical composition of binary quadratic forms, which generally outputs an unreduced divisor, and (ii) the reduction stage, which transforms the unreduced divisor into the unique reduced divisor that is equivalent to the sum, whose existence is guaranteed by the Riemann-Roch theorem [29]. Cantor's algorithm has since been substantially optimized in work initiated by Harley [21], who was the first to obtain practical explicit formulas in genus 2, and extended by Lange [30, 34], who, among several others [39, 47, 41, 46], generalized and significantly improved Harley's original approach. Essentially, all of these improvements involve making the polynomial arithmetic implied by Cantor's algorithm explicit in the underlying field, and finding specialized shortcuts dedicated to each of the separate cases of input (see [31, §4]).

In this paper we propose a robust description of a geometrically inspired algorithm for group law computations on Jacobians of hyperelliptic curves of any genus. The equivalence of the geometric group law and Cantor's algorithm was proven by Lauter [36] in the case of genus 2, but since then there has been almost no reported improvements in explicit formulas that benefit from this depiction. The notable exception being the work of Leitenberger [38], who used Gröbner basis reduction to show that in the addition of two unique divisors on the Jacobian of a genus 2 curve, one can obtain explicit formulas to compute the required geometric function directly from the Mumford coordinates without (unrolling) polynomial arithmetic. Leitenberger's idea of obtaining the necessary geometric functions in a simple and elementary way is central to the theme of this paper, although we note that the affine addition formulas that result from our description (which do not rely on any Gröbner basis reduction) are significantly faster than the direct translation of those given in [38].

We claim that our technique is a natural analogue of the chord-and-tangent description for general elliptic curves. We show that this geometric description facilitates group law computations that avoid operations such as the CRT altogether; our composition technique requires only elementary linear algebra. Interpreting the group operations geometrically, we find the interpolating polynomials for the composition step directly by writing down a linear system in the ground field to be solved in terms of the Mumford coordinates of the divisors. Moreover, the composition algorithm for arbitrary genus proposed in this work is immediately explicit in terms of arithmetic in $\mathbb{F}_{q}$, in contrast to Cantor's composition which operates in the polynomial ring $\mathbb{F}_{q}[x]$, the optimization of which calls for ad-hoc attention in each genus to unravel the $\mathbb{F}_{q}[x]$ operations into explicit formulas in $\mathbb{F}_{q}$.

To illustrate the value of our approach, we show that, for group operations on Jacobians of general genus 2 curves over large prime fields, the (affine and projective) formulas that result from this description are more efficient than their predecessors. Also, when applying this geometric interpretation back to the case of genus 1, we are able to rigorously recover several of the tricks previously explored for merging simultaneous group operations to optimize elliptic curve computations.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. We briefly touch on some more related work, before moving to Section 2 where we give a short background on hyperelliptic curves and the Mumford representation of Jacobian elements. Section 3 discusses the geometry of Jacobian arithmetic on hyperelliptic curves, and shows how we can use simple linear algebra to compute the required geometric functions from the Mumford coordinates. Section 4 is dedicated to illustrating how this technique results in fast explicit formulas in genus 2 , whilst Section 5 generalizes the algorithm for all $g \geq 2$. As we hope this work will influence further progress in higher genus arithmetic, in Section 6 we highlight some further implications of adopting this geometric approach, before concluding in Section 7. To avoid unnecessarily interrupting the discussion with technical details, we have moved the explicit formulas and more detailed algorithms to the appendices.

Related work. There are several high-level papers (e.g. [25, 22]) which discuss general methods for computing in Jacobians of arbitrary algebraic curves. Since we have focused on general hyperelliptic
curves, our comparison in genus 2 does not include the record-holding work by Gaudry [18], which exploits the Kummer surface associated with curves of a special form to achieve the current outright fastest genus 2 arithmetic for those curve models. Gaudry and Harley's second exposition [19] further describes the results in [21]. Finally, we do not draw comparisons with any work on real models of hyperelliptic curves, which usually result in slightly slower formulas than imaginary hyperelliptic curves, but we note that both Galbraith et al. [15] and Erickson et al. [12] achieve very competitive formulas for group law computations on real models of genus 2 hyperelliptic curves.

## 2 Background

We give some brief background on hyperelliptic curves and the Mumford representation of points in the Jacobian. For a more in depth discussion, the reader is referred to [2, $\S 4]$ and $[14, \S 11]$. Over the field $K$, we use $C_{g}$ to denote the general ("imaginary quadratic") hyperelliptic curve of genus $g$ given by

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\begin{equation*}
C_{g}: y^{2}+h(x) y=f(x), \quad h(x), f(x) \in K[x], \quad \operatorname{deg}(f)=2 g+1, \quad \operatorname{deg}(h) \leq g, \quad f \text { monic }, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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with the added stipulation that no point $(x, y) \in \bar{K}$ simultaneously sends both partial derivatives $2 y+h(x)$ and $f^{\prime}(x)-h^{\prime}(x) y$ to zero [2, §14.1]. As long as char $(K) \neq 2 g+1$, we can isomorphically transform $C_{g}$ into $\hat{C}_{g}$, given as $\hat{C}_{g}: y^{2}+h(x) y=x^{2 g+1}+\hat{f}_{2 g-1} x^{2 g-1}+\ldots+\hat{f}_{1} x+\hat{f}_{0}$, so that the coefficient of $x^{2 g}$ is zero [2, §14.13]. In the case of odd characteristic fields, it is standard to also annihilate the presence of $h(x)$ completely under a suitable transformation, in order to obtain a simpler model (we will make use of this in $\S 4$ ). We abuse notation and use $C_{g}$ from hereon to refer to the simplified version of the curve equation in each context. Although the proofs in $\S 3$ apply to any $K$, it better places the intention of the discussion to henceforth regard $K$ as a finite field $\mathbb{F}_{q}$.

We work in the Jacobian group $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{g}\right)$ of $C_{g}$, where the elements are equivalence classes of degree zero divisors on $C_{g}$. Divisors are formal sums of points on the curve, and degree of a divisor is the sum of the multiplicities of points in the support of the divisor. Two divisors are equivalent if their difference is a principle divisor, i.e. equal to the divisor of zeros and poles of a function. It follows from the Riemann-Roch Theorem that for hyperelliptic curves, each class $D$ has a unique reduced representative of the form

$$
\rho(D)=\left(P_{1}\right)+\left(P_{2}\right)+\ldots+\left(P_{r}\right)-r\left(P_{\infty}\right),
$$

such that $r \leq g, P_{i} \neq-P_{j}$ for $i \neq j$, no $P_{i}$ satisfying $P_{i}=-P_{i}$ appears more than once, and with $P_{\infty}$ being the point at infinity on $C_{g}$. We drop the $\rho$ from hereon and, unless stated otherwise, assume divisor equations involve reduced divisors. When referring to the non-trivial elements in the reduced divisor $D$, we mean all $P \in \operatorname{supp}(D)$ where $P \neq P_{\infty}$, i.e. the elements corresponding to the effective part of $D$. For each of the $r$ non-trivial elements appearing in $D$, write $P_{i}=\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)$. Mumford proposed a convenient way to represent such divisors as $D=(u(x), v(x))$, where $u(x)$ is a monic polynomial with $\operatorname{deg}(u(x)) \leq g$ satisfying $u\left(x_{i}\right)=0$, and $v(x)$ (which is not monic in general) with $\operatorname{deg}(v(x))<\operatorname{deg}(u(x))$ is such that $v\left(x_{i}\right)=y_{i}$, for $1 \leq i \leq r$. In this way we have a one-to-one correspondence between reduced divisors and their so-called Mumford representation [42]. We use $\oplus$ (resp. $\ominus$ ) to distinguish group additions (resp. subtractions) between Jacobian elements from "additions" in formal divisor sums. We use $\bar{D}$ to denote the divisor obtained by taking the hyperelliptic involution of each of the non-trivial elements in the support of $D$.

When developing formulas for implementing genus $g$ arithmetic, we are largely concerned with the frequent case that arises where both (not necessarily unique) reduced divisors $D=(u(x), v(x))$ and $D^{\prime}=\left(u^{\prime}(x), v^{\prime}(x)\right)$ in the sum $D \oplus D^{\prime}$ are such that $\operatorname{deg}(u(x))=\operatorname{deg}\left(u^{\prime}(x)\right)=g$. This means that $D=E-g\left(P_{\infty}\right)$ and $D^{\prime}=E^{\prime}-g\left(P_{\infty}\right)$, with both $E$ and $E^{\prime}$ being effective divisors of degree $g$, and from hereon we interchangeably refer to such divisors as full degree or degree $g$ divisors. In Section 5.2 we discuss how to handle the special case when a divisor of degree less than $g$ is encountered.

## 3 Computations in the Mumford function field

The purpose of this section is to show how to compute the geometric group law in Mumford coordinates. Since the Jacobian of a hyperelliptic curve is the group of degree zero divisors modulo principal
divisors, the group operation is formal addition modulo the equivalence relation. Thus two divisors $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ can be added by finding a function whose divisor contains the support of both $D$ and $D^{\prime}$, and then the sum is equivalent to the negative of the complement of that support. Such a function $\ell(x)$ can be obtained by interpolating the points in the support of the two divisors. The complement of the support of $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ in the support of $\operatorname{div}(\ell)$ consists of the other points of intersection of $\ell$ with the curve. In general those individual points may not be defined over the ground field for the curve. We are thus led to work with Mumford coordinates for divisors on hyperelliptic curves, since the polynomials in Mumford coordinates are defined over the base field and allow us to avoid extracting individual roots and working with points defined over extension fields.

For example, consider adding two general genus 3 divisors $D, D^{\prime} \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{3} / \mathbb{F}_{q}\right)$, with respective $\operatorname{supports} \operatorname{supp}(D)=\left\{P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right)=\left\{P_{1}^{\prime}, P_{2}^{\prime}, P_{3}^{\prime}\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}$, as in Figure 1. After computing the quintic function $\ell(x, y)=\sum_{i=0}^{5} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ that interpolates the six non-trivial points in the composition phase, computing the $x$-coordinates of the remaining (four) points of intersection explicitly would require solving

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\ell_{5}^{2} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{3}\left(x-x_{i}\right) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{3}\left(x-x_{i}^{\prime}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{4}\left(x-\bar{x}_{i}\right)=\left(\sum_{i=0}^{5} \ell_{i} x^{i}\right)^{2}-f(x)
$$

for $\bar{x}_{1}, \bar{x}_{2}, \bar{x}_{3}$ and $\bar{x}_{4}$, which would necessitate multiple root extractions. On the other hand, the exact division $\prod_{i=1}^{4}\left(x-\bar{x}_{i}\right)=\left(\left(\sum_{i=0}^{5} \ell_{i} x^{i}\right)^{2}-f(x)\right) /\left(\ell_{5}^{2} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{3}\left(x-x_{i}\right) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{3}\left(x-x_{i}^{\prime}\right)\right)$ can be computed very efficiently (and entirely over $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ ) by equating coefficients of $x$.


Fig. 1. The composition stage of a general addition on the Jacobian of a genus 3 curve $C_{3}$ over the reals $\mathbb{R}$ : the 6 points in the combined supports of $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ are interpolated by a quintic polynomial which intersects $C$ in 4 more places to form the unreduced divisor $\tilde{D}=\tilde{P}_{1}+\tilde{P}_{2}+\tilde{P}_{3}+\tilde{P}_{4}$.


Fig. 2. The reduction stage: a (vertically) magnified view of the cubic function which interpolates the points in the support of $\tilde{D}$ and intersects $C_{3}$ in three more places to form $\bar{D}^{\prime \prime}=\left(P_{1}^{\prime \prime}+P_{2}^{\prime \prime}+P_{3}^{\prime \prime}\right) \sim \tilde{D}$, the reduced equivalent of $\tilde{D}$.

Whilst the Mumford representation is absolutely necessary for efficient reduction, the price we seemingly pay in following the geometric description lies in the composition phase. In any case, finding the interpolating function $y=\ell(x)$ would be conceptually trivial if we knew the $(x, y)$ coordinates of the points involved, but computing the function directly from the Mumford coordinates appears to be more difficult. In what follows we detail how this can be achieved in general, using only linear algebra over the base field. The meanings of the three propositions in this section are perhaps best illustrated through the examples that follow each of them.

Proposition 1. On the Jacobian of a genus $g$ hyperelliptic curve, the dense set of divisor classes with reduced representatives of full degree $g$ can be described exactly as the intersection of $g$ hypersurfaces of dimension (at most) $2 g$.

Proof. Let $D=(u(x), v(x))=\left(x^{g}+\sum_{i=0}^{g-1} u_{i} x^{i}, \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} v_{i} x^{i}\right) \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{g}(K)\right)$ be an arbitrary degree $g$ divisor class representative with $\operatorname{supp}(D)=\left\{\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right), \ldots,\left(x_{g}, y_{g}\right)\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}$, so that $u\left(x_{i}\right)=0$ and $v\left(x_{i}\right)=y_{i}$ for $1 \leq i \leq g$. Let $\Psi(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \Psi_{i} x^{i}$ be the polynomial obtained by substituting $y=v(x)$ into the equation for $C_{g}$ and reducing modulo the ideal generated by $u(x)$. Clearly, $\Psi\left(x_{i}\right) \equiv$ $0 \bmod \langle u(x)\rangle$ for each of the $g$ non-trivial elements in $\operatorname{supp}(D)$, but since $\operatorname{deg}(\Psi(x)) \leq g-1$, it follows that each of its $g$ coefficients $\Psi_{i}$ must be identically zero, implying that every element $D \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{g}\right)$ of full degree $g$ lies in the intersection of the $g$ hypersurfaces $\Psi_{i}=\Psi_{i}\left(u_{0}, \ldots, u_{g-1}, v_{0}, \ldots, v_{g-1}\right)=0$. On the other hand, each unique $2 g$-tuple in $K$ which satisfies $\Psi_{i}=0$ for $1 \leq i \leq g$ defines a unique full degree representative $D \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{g}(K)\right)$ (cf. [14, ex 11.3.7]).
Definition 2 (Mumford ideals). We call the $g$ ideals $\left\langle\Psi_{i}\right\rangle$ arising from the $g$ hypersurfaces $\Psi_{i}=0$ in Proposition 1 the Mumford ideals.
Definition 3 (Mumford function fields). The function fields of $C_{g}$ and $C_{g} \times C_{g}$ are respectively identified with the quotient fields of

$$
\frac{K\left[u_{0}, \ldots, u_{g-1}, v_{0}, \ldots, v_{g-1}\right]}{\left\langle\Psi_{0}, \ldots, \Psi_{g-1}\right\rangle} \quad \text { and } \quad \frac{K\left[u_{0}, \ldots, u_{g-1}, v_{0}, \ldots, v_{g-1}, u_{0}^{\prime}, \ldots, u_{g-1}^{\prime}, v_{0}^{\prime}, \ldots, v_{g-1}^{\prime}\right]}{\left\langle\Psi_{0}, \ldots, \Psi_{g-1}, \Psi_{0}^{\prime}, \ldots, \Psi_{g-1}^{\prime}\right\rangle}
$$

which we call the Mumford function fields and denote by $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{g}\right)$ and $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{g} \times C_{g}\right)$ respectively. We abbreviate and use $\Psi_{i}, \Psi_{i}^{\prime}$ to differentiate between $\Psi_{i}=\Psi_{i}\left(u_{0}, \ldots, u_{g-1}, v_{0}, \ldots, v_{g-1}\right)$ and $\Psi_{i}^{\prime}=$ $\Psi_{i}\left(u_{0}^{\prime}, \ldots, u_{g-1}^{\prime}, v_{0}^{\prime}, \ldots, v_{g-1}^{\prime}\right)$ when working in $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{g} \times C_{g}\right)$.
Example 4. Consider the genus 2 hyperelliptic curve defined by $C: y^{2}=\left(x^{5}+2 x^{3}-7 x^{2}+5 x+1\right)$ over $\mathbb{F}_{37}$. A general degree two divisor $D \in \operatorname{Jac}(C)$ takes the form $D=\left(x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}, v_{1} x+v_{0}\right)$. Substituting $y=v_{1} x+v_{0}$ into $C$ and reducing modulo $\left\langle x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right\rangle$ gives

$$
\left(v_{1} x+v_{0}\right)^{2}-\left(x^{5}+2 x^{3}-7 x^{2}+5 x+1\right) \equiv \Psi_{1} x+\Psi_{0} \equiv 0 \bmod \left\langle x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right\rangle
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Psi_{1}\left(u_{1}, u_{0}, v_{1}, v_{0}\right)=3 u_{0} u_{1}^{2}-u_{1}^{4}-u_{0}^{2}+2 v_{0} v_{1}-v_{1}^{2} u_{1}+2\left(u_{0}-u_{1}^{2}\right)-7 u_{1}-5 \\
& \Psi_{0}\left(u_{1}, u_{0}, v_{1}, v_{0}\right)=v_{0}^{2}-v_{1}^{2} u_{0}+2 u_{0}^{2} u_{1}-u_{1}^{3} u_{0}-2 u_{1} u_{0}-7 u_{0}-1
\end{aligned}
$$

The number of tuples $\left(u_{0}, u_{1}, v_{0}, v_{1}\right) \in \mathbb{F}_{37}$ lying in the intersection of $\Psi_{0}=\Psi_{1}=0$ is 1373 , which is the number of degree 2 divisors on $\operatorname{Jac}(C)$. There are 39 other divisors on $\operatorname{Jac}(C)$ with degrees less than 2 , each of which is isomorphic to a point on the curve, so that $\# \mathrm{Jac}(C)=1373+\# C=1412$. Formulas for performing full degree divisor additions are derived inside the Mumford function field $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}(C \times$ $C)=\operatorname{Quot}\left(K\left[u_{0}, u_{1}, v_{0}, v_{1}, u_{0}^{\prime}, u_{1}^{\prime}, v_{0}^{\prime}, v_{1}^{\prime}\right] /\left\langle\Psi_{0}, \Psi_{1}, \Psi_{0}^{\prime}, \Psi_{1}^{\prime}\right\rangle\right)$, whilst formulas for full degree divisor doublings are derived inside the Mumford function field $K^{\operatorname{Mum}}(C)=\operatorname{Quot}\left(K\left[u_{0}, u_{1}, v_{0}, v_{1}\right] /\left\langle\Psi_{0}, \Psi_{1}\right\rangle\right)$.

Performing the efficient composition of two divisors amounts to finding the least degree polynomial function that interpolates the union of their (assumed disjoint) non-trivial supports. The following two propositions show that in the general addition and doubling of divisors, finding the interpolating functions in the Mumford function fields can be accomplished by solving linear systems.

Proposition 5 (General divisor addition). Let $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ be reduced divisors of degree $g$ on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{g}\right)$ such that $\operatorname{supp}(D)=\left\{\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right), \ldots,\left(x_{g}, y_{g}\right)\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}, \operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right)=\left\{\left(x_{1}^{\prime}, y_{1}^{\prime}\right), \ldots,\left(x_{g}^{\prime}, y_{g}^{\prime}\right)\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}$ and $x_{i} \neq x_{j}^{\prime}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq g$. An interpolating function $\ell$ on $C_{g}$ with divisor $\operatorname{div}(\ell)$ such that $\left(\operatorname{supp}(D) \cup \operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right)\right) \subseteq \operatorname{supp}(\operatorname{div}(\ell))$ can be determined by a linear system of dimension $2 g$ inside the Mumford function field $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{g} \times C_{g}\right)$.
Proof. Let $D=(u(x), v(x))=\left(x^{g}+\sum_{i=0}^{g-1} u_{i} x^{i}, \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} v_{i} x^{i}\right)$ and $D^{\prime}=\left(u^{\prime}(x), v^{\prime}(x)\right)=\left(x^{g}+\right.$ $\left.\sum_{i=0}^{g-1} u_{i}^{\prime} x^{i}, \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} v_{i}^{\prime} x^{i}\right)$. Let the polynomial $y=\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{2 g-1} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ be the desired function that interpolates the $2 g$ non-trivial elements in $\operatorname{supp}(D) \cup \operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right)$, i.e. $y_{i}=\ell\left(x_{i}\right)$ and $y_{i}^{\prime}=\ell\left(x_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ for $1 \leq i \leq g$. Focussing firstly on $D$, it follows that $v(x)-\ell(x)=0$ for $x \in\left\{x_{i}\right\}_{1 \leq i \leq g}$. As in the proof of Proposition 1, we reduce modulo the ideal generated by $u(x)$ giving $\Omega(x)=v(x)-\ell(x) \equiv$ $\sum_{i=0}^{g-1} \Omega_{i} x^{i} \equiv 0 \bmod \left\langle x^{g}+\sum_{i=0}^{g-1} u_{i} x^{i}\right\rangle$. Since $\operatorname{deg}(\Omega(x)) \leq g-1$ and $\Omega\left(x_{i}\right)=0$ for $1 \leq i \leq g$, it follows that the $g$ coefficients $\Omega_{i}=\Omega_{i}\left(u_{0}, \ldots, u_{g-1}, v_{0}, \ldots, v_{g-1}, \ell_{0}, \ldots, \ell_{2 g-1}\right)$ must be all identically zero. Each gives rise to an equation that relates the $2 g$ coefficients of $\ell(x)$ linearly. Defining $\Omega^{\prime}(x)$ from $D^{\prime}$ identically and reducing modulo $u^{\prime}(x)$ gives another $g$ linear equations in the $2 g$ coefficients of $\ell(x)$.

Example 6. Consider the genus 3 hyperelliptic curve defined by $C: y^{2}=x^{7}+1$ over $\mathbb{F}_{71}$, and take $D=(u(x), v(x)), D^{\prime}=\left(u^{\prime}(x), v^{\prime}(x)\right) \in \operatorname{Jac}(C)$ as

$$
D=\left(x^{3}+6 x^{2}+41 x+33,29 x^{2}+22 x+47\right), D^{\prime}=\left(x^{3}+18 x^{2}+15 x+37,49 x^{2}+46 x+59\right) .
$$

We compute the polynomial $\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{5} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ that interpolates the six non-trivial elements in $\operatorname{supp}(D) \cup \operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right)$ using $\ell(x)-v(x) \equiv 0 \bmod \langle u(x)\rangle$ and $\ell(x)-v^{\prime}(x) \equiv 0 \bmod \left\langle u^{\prime}(x)\right\rangle$, to obtain $\Omega_{i}$ and $\Omega_{i}^{\prime}$ for $0 \leq i \leq 2$. For $D$ and $D^{\prime}$, we respectively have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0 \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{5} \ell_{i} x^{i}-\left(29 x^{2}+22 x+47\right) \equiv \Omega_{2} x^{2}+\Omega_{1} x+\Omega_{0} \quad \bmod \left\langle x^{3}+6 x^{2}+41 x+33\right\rangle, \\
& 0 \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{5} \ell_{i} x^{i}-\left(49 x^{2}+46 x+59\right) \equiv \Omega_{2}^{\prime} x^{2}+\Omega_{1}^{\prime} x+\Omega_{0}^{\prime} \quad \bmod \left\langle x^{3}+18 x^{2}+15 x+37\right\rangle,
\end{aligned}
$$

with
$\Omega_{2}=\ell_{2}+65 \ell_{3}+66 \ell_{4}+30 \ell_{5}-29 ; \quad \Omega_{1}=\ell_{1}+30 \ell_{3}+48 \ell_{5}-22 ; \quad \Omega_{0}=\ell_{0}+38 \ell_{3}+56 \ell_{4}+23 \ell_{5}-47 ;$
$\Omega_{2}^{\prime}=\ell_{2}+53 \ell_{3}+25 \ell_{4}+67 \ell_{5}-49 ; \Omega_{1}^{\prime}=\ell_{1}+56 \ell_{3}+20 \ell_{4}+7 \ell_{5}-46 ; \Omega_{0}^{\prime}=\ell_{0}+34 \ell_{3}+27 \ell_{4}+69 \ell_{5}-59$.
Solving $\Omega_{0 \leq i \leq 2}, \Omega_{0 \leq i \leq 2}^{\prime}=0$ simultaneously for $\ell_{0}, \ldots, \ell_{5}$ gives $\ell(x)=21 x^{5}+x^{4}+36 x^{3}+46 x^{2}+64 x+57$.
Proposition 7 (General divisor doubling). Let $D$ be a divisor of degree $g$ representing a class on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{g}\right)$ with $\operatorname{supp}(D)=\left\{P_{1}, \ldots, P_{g}\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}$. A function $\ell$ on $C_{g}$ such that each non-trivial element in $\operatorname{supp}(D)$ occurs with multiplicity two in $\operatorname{div}(\ell)$ can be determined by a linear system of dimension $2 g$ inside the Mumford function field $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{g}\right)$.
Proof. Let $D=(u(x), v(x))=\left(x^{g}+\sum_{i=0}^{g-1} u_{i} x^{i}, \sum_{i=0}^{g-1} v_{i} x^{i}\right)$ and write $P_{i}=\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)$ for $1 \leq i \leq g$. Let the polynomial $y=\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{2 g-1} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ be the desired function that interpolates the $g$ non-trivial elements of $\operatorname{supp}(D)$, and also whose derivative $\ell^{\prime}(x)$ is equal to $d y / d x$ on $C_{g}(x, y)$ at each such element. Namely, $\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{2 g-1} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ is such that $\ell\left(x_{i}\right)=y_{i}$ and $\frac{d \ell}{d x}\left(x_{i}\right)=\frac{d y}{d x}\left(x_{i}\right)$ on $C$ for $1 \leq i \leq g$. This time the first $g$ equations come from the direct interpolation as before, whilst the second $g$ equations come from the general expression for the equated derivates, taking $\frac{d \ell}{d x}\left(x_{i}\right)=\frac{d y}{d x}\left(x_{i}\right)$ on $C_{g}$ as

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} i \ell_{i} x^{i-1}=\frac{(2 g+1) x^{2 g}+\sum_{i=1}^{2 g-1} i f_{i} x^{i-1}+\left(\sum_{i=0}^{g} i h_{i} x^{i-1}\right) \cdot y}{2 y+\sum_{i=0}^{g} h_{i} x^{i}}
$$

for each $x_{i}$ with $1 \leq i \leq g$. Again, it is easy to see that substituting $y=v(x)$ and reducing modulo the ideal generated by $u(x)$ will produce a polynomial $\Omega^{\prime}(x)$ with degree less than or equal to $g-1$. Since $\Omega^{\prime}(x)$ has $g$ roots, $\Omega_{i}^{\prime}=0$ for $0 \leq i \leq g-1$, giving rise to the second $g$ equations which importantly relate the coefficients of $\ell(x)$ linearly.

Example 8. Consider the genus 3 hyperelliptic curve defined by $C: y^{2}=x^{7}+5 x+1$ over $\mathbb{F}_{257}$, and take $D \in \operatorname{Jac}(C)$ as $D=(u(x), v(x))=\left(x^{3}+57 x^{2}+26 x+80,176 x^{2}+162 x+202\right)$. We compute the polynomial $\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{5} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ that interpolates the three non-trivial points in $\operatorname{supp}(D)$, and also has the same derivative as $C$ at these points. For the interpolation only, we obtain $\Omega_{0}, \Omega_{1}, \Omega_{2}$ (collected below) identically as in Example 6. For $\Omega_{0}^{\prime}, \Omega_{1}^{\prime}, \Omega_{2}^{\prime}$, equating $d y / d x$ on $C$ with $\ell^{\prime}(x)$ gives

$$
\frac{7 x^{6}+5}{2 y} \equiv 5 \ell_{5} x^{4}+4 \ell_{4} x^{3}+3 \ell_{3} x^{2}+2 \ell_{2} x+\ell_{1} \quad \bmod \left\langle x^{3}+57 x^{2}+26 x+80\right\rangle,
$$

which, after substituting $y=176 x^{2}+162 x+202$, rearranges to give $0 \equiv \Omega_{2}^{\prime} x^{2}+\Omega_{1}^{\prime} x+\Omega_{0}^{\prime}$, where

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\Omega_{2}=118 \ell_{4}+256 \ell_{2}+57 \ell_{3}+96 \ell_{5} ; & \Omega_{2}^{\prime}=76 \ell_{5}+2541 \ell_{4}+254 \ell_{3}+166 ; \\
\Omega_{1}=140 \ell_{4}+256 \ell_{1}+26 \ell_{3}+82 \ell_{5} ; & \Omega_{1}^{\prime}=209+255 \ell_{2}+104 \ell_{4}+186 \ell_{5} ; \\
\Omega_{0}=256 \ell_{0}+80 \ell_{3}+69 \ell_{5}+66 \ell_{4} ; & \Omega_{0}^{\prime}=73 \ell_{5}+63 \ell_{4}+256 \ell_{1}+31 .
\end{array}
$$

Solving $\Omega_{0 \leq i \leq 2}, \Omega_{0 \leq i \leq 2}^{\prime}=0$ simultaneously for $\ell_{0}, \ldots, \ell_{5}$ gives $\ell(x)=84 x^{5}+213 x^{3}+78 x^{2}+252 x+165$.
This section showed that divisor composition on hyperelliptic curves can be achieved via linear operations in the Mumford function fields.

## 4 Generating explicit formulas in genus 2

This section applies the results of the previous section to develop explicit formulas for geometric group law computations involving full degree divisors on Jacobians of genus 2 hyperelliptic curves. Assuming an underlying field of large prime characteristic, such genus 2 hyperelliptic curves $C^{\prime} / \mathbb{F}_{q}$ can always be isomorphically transformed into $C_{2} / \mathbb{F}_{q}$ given by $C_{2}: y^{2}=x^{5}+f_{3} x^{3}+f_{2} x^{2}+f_{1} x+f_{0}$, where $C_{2} \cong C^{\prime}($ see $\S 2)$. The Mumford representation of a general degree two divisor $D \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$ is given as $D=\left(x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}, v_{1} x+v_{0}\right)$. From Proposition 1, we compute the $g=2$ hypersurfaces whose intersection is the set of all such divisors on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$ as follows. Substituting $y=v_{1} x+v_{0}$ into the equation for $C_{2}$ and reducing modulo the ideal $\left\langle x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right\rangle$ gives the polynomial $\Psi(x)$ as

$$
\Psi(x) \equiv \Psi_{1} x+\Psi_{0} \equiv\left(v_{1} x+v_{0}\right)^{2}-\left(x^{5}+f_{3} x^{3}+f_{2} x^{2}+f_{1} x+f_{0}\right) \bmod \left\langle x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right\rangle,
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Psi_{0}=v_{0}^{2}-f_{0}+f_{2} u_{0}-v_{1}^{2} u_{0}+2 u_{0}^{2} u_{1}-u_{1} f_{3} u_{0}-u_{1}^{3} u_{0}, \\
& \Psi_{1}=2 v_{0} v_{1}-f_{1}-v_{1}^{2} u_{1}+f_{2} u_{1}-f_{3}\left(u_{1}^{2}-u_{0}\right)+3 u_{0} u_{1}^{2}-u_{1}^{4}-u_{0}^{2} . \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

We will derive doubling formulas inside $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{2}\right)=\operatorname{Quot}\left(K\left[u_{0}, u_{1}, v_{0}, v_{1}\right] /\left\langle\Psi_{0}, \Psi_{1}\right\rangle\right)$ and addition formulas inside $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{2} \times C_{2}\right)=\operatorname{Quot}\left(K\left[u_{0}, u_{1}, v_{0}, v_{1}, u_{0}^{\prime}, u_{1}^{\prime}, v_{0}^{\prime}, v_{1}^{\prime}\right] /\left\langle\Psi_{0}, \Psi_{1}, \Psi_{0}^{\prime}, \Psi_{1}^{\prime}\right\rangle\right)$. In $\S 4.2$ particularly, we will see how the ideal $\left\langle\Psi_{0}, \Psi_{1}\right\rangle$ is useful in simplifying the formulas that arise.


Fig. 3. The group law (general addition) on the Jacobian of the genus 2 curve $C_{2}$ over the reals $\mathbb{R}$, for $\left(P_{1}+P_{2}\right) \oplus$ $\left(P_{1}^{\prime}+P_{2}^{\prime}\right)=P_{1}^{\prime \prime}+P_{2}^{\prime \prime}$.


Fig. 4. A general point doubling on the Jacobian of a genus 2 curve $C_{2}$ over the reals $\mathbb{R}$, for $[2]\left(P_{1}+P_{2}\right)=$ $P_{1}^{\prime \prime}+P_{2}^{\prime \prime}$.

### 4.1 General divisor addition in genus 2

Let $D=\left(x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}, v_{1} x+v_{0}\right), D^{\prime}=\left(x^{2}+u_{1}^{\prime} x+u_{0}^{\prime}, v_{1}^{\prime} x+v_{0}^{\prime}\right) \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$ be two (full degree) divisors with $\operatorname{supp}(D)=\left\{P_{1}, P_{2}\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right)=\left\{P_{1}^{\prime}, P_{2}^{\prime}\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}$, such that no $P_{i}$ has the same $x$ coordinate as $P_{j}^{\prime}$ for $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$. Let $D^{\prime \prime}=\left(x^{2}+u_{1}^{\prime \prime} x+u_{0}^{\prime \prime}, v_{1}^{\prime \prime} x+v_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right)=D \oplus D^{\prime}$. The composition step in the addition of $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ involves building the linear system that solves for the cubic polynomial $y=\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{3} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ which interpolates $P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{1}^{\prime}, P_{2}^{\prime}$. Following Proposition 5, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
0 & \equiv \Omega_{1} x+\Omega_{0} \equiv \ell_{3} x^{3}+\ell_{2} x^{2}+\ell_{1} x+\ell_{0}-\left(v_{1} x+v_{0}\right) & & \bmod \left\langle x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right\rangle, \\
& \equiv\left(\ell_{3}\left(u_{1}^{2}-u_{0}\right)-\ell_{2} u_{1}+\ell_{1}-v_{1}\right) x+\left(\ell_{3} u_{1} u_{0}-\ell_{2} u_{0}+\ell_{0}-v_{0}\right) & & \bmod \left\langle x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right\rangle, \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

which provides two equations ( $\Omega_{1}=0$ and $\Omega_{0}=0$ ) relating the four coefficients of the interpolating polynomial linearly. Identically, interpolating the support of $D^{\prime}$ produces two more linear equations which allow us to solve for the four $\ell_{i}$ as

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & -u_{0} & u_{1} u_{0} \\
0 & 1 & -u_{1} & u_{1}^{2}-u_{0} \\
1 & 0 & -u_{0}^{\prime} & u_{1}^{\prime} u_{0}^{\prime} \\
0 & 1 & -u_{1}^{\prime} & u_{1}^{\prime 2}-u_{0}^{\prime}
\end{array}\right) \cdot\left(\begin{array}{c}
\ell_{0} \\
\ell_{1} \\
\ell_{2} \\
\ell_{3}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
v_{0} \\
v_{1} \\
v_{0}^{\prime} \\
v_{1}^{\prime}
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Observe that the respective subtraction of rows 1 and 2 from rows 3 and 4 gives rise to a smaller system that can be solved for $\ell_{2}$ and $\ell_{3}$, as

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
u_{0}-u_{0}^{\prime} & u_{1}^{\prime} u_{0}^{\prime}-u_{1} u_{0}  \tag{4}\\
u_{1}-u_{1}^{\prime} & \left(u_{1}^{\prime 2}-u_{0}^{\prime}\right)-\left(u_{1}^{2}-u_{0}\right)
\end{array}\right) \cdot\binom{\ell_{2}}{\ell_{3}}=\binom{v_{0}^{\prime}-v_{0}}{v_{1}^{\prime}-v_{1}} .
$$

Remark 9. We will see in section 5.1 that for all $g \geq 2$, the linear system that arises in the computation of $\ell(x)$ can always be trivially reduced to be of dimension $g$, but for now it is useful to observe that once we solve the dimension $g=2$ matrix system for $\ell_{i}$ with $i \geq g$, calculating the remaining $\ell_{i}$ where $i<g$ is computationally straightforward.

The next step is to determine the remaining intersection points of $y=\ell(x)$ on $C_{2}$. Since $y=\ell(x)$ is cubic, its substitution into $C_{2}$ will give a degree six equation in $x$. Four of the roots will correspond to the four non-trivial points in $\operatorname{supp}(D) \cup \operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right)$, whilst the remaining two will correspond to the two $x$ coordinates of the non-trivial elements in $\operatorname{supp}\left(\bar{D}^{\prime \prime}\right)$, which are the same as the $x$ coordinates in $\operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime \prime}\right)$ (see the intersection points in Figure 3). Let the Mumford representation of $\bar{D}^{\prime \prime}$ be $\bar{D}^{\prime \prime}=\left(x^{2}+u_{1}{ }^{\prime \prime} x+u_{0}{ }^{\prime \prime},-v_{1}^{\prime \prime} x-v_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right) ;$ we then have

$$
\left(x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right) \cdot\left(x^{2}+u_{1}^{\prime} x+u_{0}^{\prime}\right) \cdot\left(x^{2}+u_{1}^{\prime \prime} x+u_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right)=\frac{\left(\ell_{0}+\ell_{1} x+\ell_{2} x^{2}+\ell_{3} x^{3}\right)^{2}-f(x)}{\ell_{3}^{2}} .
$$

Equating coefficients is an efficient way to compute the exact division required above to solve for $u^{\prime \prime}(x)$. For example, equating coefficients of $x^{5}$ and $x^{4}$ above respectively gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{1}^{\prime \prime}=-u_{1}-u_{1}^{\prime}-\frac{1-2 \ell_{2} \ell_{3}}{\ell_{3}^{2}} ; \quad u_{0}^{\prime \prime}=-\left(u_{0}+u_{0}^{\prime}+u_{1} u_{1}^{\prime}+\left(u_{1}+u_{1}^{\prime}\right) u_{1}^{\prime \prime}\right)+\frac{2 \ell_{1} \ell_{3}+\ell_{2}^{2}}{\ell_{3}^{2}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

It remains to compute $v_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ and $v_{0}^{\prime \prime}$. Namely, we wish to compute the linear function that interpolates the points in $\operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime \prime}\right)$. Observe that reducing $\ell(x)$ modulo $\left\langle x^{2}+u_{1}^{\prime \prime} x+u_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right\rangle$ gives the linear polynomial $-v_{1}^{\prime \prime} x+-v_{0}^{\prime \prime}$ which interpolates the points in $\operatorname{supp}\left(\overline{D^{\prime \prime}}\right)$, i.e. those points which are the involutions of the points in $\operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime \prime}\right)$. Thus, the computation of $v_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ and $v_{0}^{\prime \prime}$ amounts to negating the result of $\ell(x) \bmod \left\langle x^{2}+u_{1}^{\prime \prime} x+u_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right\rangle$. From equation (3) then, it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
v_{1}^{\prime \prime}=-\left(\ell_{3}\left(u_{1}^{\prime \prime 2}-u_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right)-\ell_{2} u_{1}^{\prime \prime}+\ell_{1}\right), \quad v_{0}^{\prime \prime}=-\left(\ell_{3} u_{1}^{\prime \prime} u_{0}^{\prime \prime}-\ell_{2} u_{0}^{\prime \prime}+\ell_{0}\right) . \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

We summarize the process of computing a general addition $D^{\prime \prime}=D \oplus D^{\prime}$ on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$, as follows. Composition involves constructing and solving the linear system in (4) for $\ell_{2}$ and $\ell_{3}$ before computing $\ell_{0}$ and $\ell_{1}$ via (3), whilst reduction involves computing $u_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ and $u_{0}^{\prime \prime}$ from (5) before computing $v_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ and $v_{0}^{\prime \prime}$ via (6). The explicit formulas for these computations are in Table 1, where I, M and $\mathbf{S}$ represent the costs of an $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ inversion, multiplication and squaring respectively. We postpone comparisons with other works until after the doubling discussion.

Remark 10. The formulas for computing $v_{0}^{\prime \prime}$ and $v_{1}^{\prime \prime}$ in (6) include operations involving $u_{1}^{\prime \prime 2}$ and $u_{1}^{\prime \prime} u_{0}^{\prime \prime}$. Since those quantities are also needed in the first step of the addition formulas (see the first line of Table 1) for any subsequent additions involving the divisor $D^{\prime \prime}$, it makes sense to carry those quantities along as extra coordinates to exploit these overlapping computations. It turns out that an analogous overlap arises in geometric group operations for all $g \geq 2$, but for now we remark that both additions and doublings on genus 2 curves will benefit from extending the generic affine coordinate system to include two extra coordinates $u_{1}^{2}$ and $u_{1} u_{0}$.

| Input: | $\begin{aligned} & \hline D=\left(u_{1}, u_{0}, v_{1}, v_{0}, U_{1}=u_{1}^{2}, U_{0}\right. \\ & D^{\prime}=\left(u_{1}^{\prime}, u_{0}^{\prime}, v_{1}^{\prime}, v_{0}^{\prime}, U_{1}^{\prime}=u_{1}^{\prime 2}, U\right. \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Operations } \\ & \text { in } \mathbb{F}_{q} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \sigma_{1} \leftarrow u_{1}+u_{1}^{\prime}, \quad \Delta_{0} \leftarrow v_{0}-v_{0}^{\prime}, \quad \Delta_{1} \leftarrow v_{1}-v_{1}^{\prime}, \quad M_{1} \leftarrow U_{1}-u_{0}-U_{1}^{\prime}+u_{0}^{\prime}, \quad M_{2} \leftarrow U_{0}^{\prime}-U_{0}, \\ M_{3} \leftarrow u_{1}-u_{1}^{\prime}, \quad M_{4} \leftarrow u_{0}^{\prime}-u_{0}, \quad t_{1} \leftarrow\left(M_{2}-\Delta_{0}\right) \cdot\left(\Delta_{1}-M_{1}\right), \quad t_{2} \leftarrow\left(-\Delta_{0}-M_{2}\right) \cdot\left(\Delta_{1}+M_{1}\right), \\ t_{3} \leftarrow\left(-\Delta_{0}+M_{4}\right) \cdot\left(\Delta_{1}-M_{3}\right), \quad t_{4} \leftarrow\left(-\Delta_{0}-M_{4}\right) \cdot\left(\Delta_{1}+M_{3}\right), \quad r_{1} \leftarrow t_{1}-t_{2} \quad r_{2} \leftarrow t_{4}-t_{3}, \\ r_{3} \leftarrow t_{3}+t_{4}-t_{1}-t_{2}-2\left(M_{2}-M_{4}\right) \cdot\left(M_{1}+M_{3}\right), \quad \ell_{2} \leftarrow r_{1} / 2, \quad \ell_{3} \leftarrow-r_{2} / 2, \quad d \leftarrow r_{3} / 2, \\ A \leftarrow 1 /\left(d \cdot \ell_{3}\right), \quad B \leftarrow d \cdot A, \quad C \leftarrow d \cdot B, \quad D \leftarrow \ell_{2} \cdot B, \quad E \leftarrow \ell_{3}^{2} \cdot A, \quad C C \leftarrow C C^{2}, \\ u_{1}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow 2 D-C C-\sigma_{1}, \quad u_{0}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow D^{2}+C \cdot\left(v_{1}+v_{1}^{\prime}\right)-\left(\left(u_{1}^{\prime \prime}-C C\right) \cdot \sigma_{1}+\left(U_{1}+U_{1}^{\prime}\right)\right) / 2, \\ U_{1}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow u_{1}^{\prime \prime 2}, \quad U_{0}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow u_{1}^{\prime \prime} \cdot u_{0}^{\prime \prime}, v_{1}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow D \cdot\left(u_{1}-u_{1}^{\prime \prime}\right)+U_{1}^{\prime \prime}-u_{0}^{\prime \prime}-U_{1}+u_{0}, \\ v_{0}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow D \cdot\left(u_{0}-u_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right)+U_{0}^{\prime \prime}-U_{0}, \quad v_{1}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow E \cdot v_{1}^{\prime \prime}+v_{1} \quad v_{0}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow E \cdot v_{0}^{\prime \prime}+v_{0} . \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 2 \mathbf{M} \\ 2 \mathbf{M} \\ 1 \mathbf{M} \\ \mathbf{I}+5 \mathbf{M}+2 \mathbf{S} \\ 2 \mathbf{M}+1 \mathbf{S} \\ 2 \mathbf{M}+1 \mathbf{S} \\ 3 \mathbf{M} \end{gathered}$ |
| Outpu | $=\rho\left(D \oplus D^{\prime}\right)=\left(u_{1}^{\prime \prime}, u_{0}^{\prime \prime}, v_{1}^{\prime \prime}, v_{0}^{\prime \prime}, U_{1}^{\prime \prime}=u_{1}^{\prime \prime 2}, U_{0}^{\prime \prime}=u_{1}^{\prime \prime} u_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right) . \quad \begin{gathered}\text { Total }\end{gathered}$ | $\mathbf{I}+17 \mathrm{M}$ |

Table 1. Explicit formulas for a general addition $D^{\prime \prime}=D \oplus D^{\prime}$ involving two degree 2 divisors on Jac ( $C_{2}$ ). A MAGMA script is provided in Appendix C.

### 4.2 General divisor doubling in genus 2

Let $D=\left(x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}, v_{1} x+v_{0}\right) \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$ be a (full degree) divisor with $\operatorname{supp}(D)=\left\{P_{1}, P_{2}\right\} \cup\left\{P_{\infty}\right\}$. To compute [2]D=D由D, we seek the cubic polynomial $\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{3} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ that has zeroes of order two at both $P_{1}=\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$ and $P_{2}=\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)$. We can immediately make use of the equations arising out of the interpolation of $\operatorname{supp}(D)$ in (3) to obtain the first two equations.

An alternative approach to obtaining the second set of $g$ equations can give rise to simpler linear relations. Instead of employing the expressions for the derivatives, the alternative technique involves reducing $C_{g}$ by $\left\langle u(x)^{2}\right\rangle$ to ensure the zeros are of multiplicity two, and using the associated Mumford ideals to linearize the equations. In the case of genus 2 , we found it advantageous to use this alternative approach, rather than the method employing derivatives that is illustrated in Example 8.

We start by setting $y=\ell(x)$ into $C_{2}$ and reducing modulo the ideal $\left\langle\left(x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right)^{2}\right\rangle$, which gives

$$
\Omega(x)=\Omega_{0}+\Omega_{1} x+\Omega_{2} x^{2}+\Omega_{3} x^{3} \equiv\left(\ell_{0}+\ell_{1} x+\ell_{2} x^{2}+\ell_{3} x^{3}\right)^{2}-f(x) \bmod \left\langle\left(x^{2}+u_{1} x+u_{0}\right)^{2}\right\rangle
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Omega_{0}=\ell_{3}^{2}\left(2 u_{0}^{3}-3 u_{1}^{2} u_{0}^{2}\right)+4 \ell_{3} \ell_{2} u_{1} u_{0}^{2}-2 \ell_{3} \ell_{1} u_{0}^{2}+\ell_{0}^{2}-\ell_{2}^{2} u_{0}^{2}-2 u_{1} u_{0}^{2}-f_{0}, \\
& \Omega_{1}=6 \ell_{3}^{2}\left(u_{1} u_{0}^{2}-u_{1}^{3} u_{0}\right)+2 \ell_{3} \ell_{2}\left(4 u_{1}^{2} u_{0}-u_{0}^{2}\right)+2 \ell_{1} \ell_{0}-4 \ell_{3} \ell_{1} u_{0} u_{1}-2 \ell_{2}^{2} u_{0} u_{1}-4 u_{1}^{2} u_{0}+u_{0}^{2}-f_{1}, \\
& \Omega_{2}=3 \ell_{3}^{2}\left(u_{0}^{2}-u_{1}^{4}\right)+\ell_{1}^{2}-\ell_{2}^{2}\left(u_{1}^{2}+2 u_{0}\right)-2 u_{0} u_{1}-2 u_{1}^{3}+4 \ell_{3} \ell_{2}\left(u_{1}^{3}+u_{0} u_{1}\right)-2 \ell_{3} \ell_{1}\left(2 u_{0}+u_{1}^{2}\right) \\
& \quad \quad \quad+2 \ell_{2} \ell_{0}-f_{2}, \\
& \Omega_{3}=2 \ell_{3}^{2}\left(3 u_{1} u_{0}-2 u_{1}^{3}\right)+2 \ell_{2} \ell_{1}+2 \ell_{3} \ell_{2}\left(3 u_{1}^{2}-2 u_{0}\right)-2 \ell_{2}^{2} u_{1}-4 \ell_{3} \ell_{1} u_{1}+2 \ell_{3} \ell_{0}-3 u_{1}^{2}+2 u_{0}-f_{3} .
\end{aligned}
$$

It follows that $\Omega_{i}=0$ for $0 \leq i \leq 3$. Although we now have four more equations relating the unknown $\ell_{i}$ coefficients, these equations are currently nonlinear. We linearize by substituting the linear equations taken from (3) above, and reducing the results modulo the Mumford ideals given in (2), noting that this linearity is instinctively guaranteed from (the derivative expression in) Proposition 7. We use the two linear equations $\tilde{\Omega}_{2}, \tilde{\Omega}_{3}$ resulting from $\Omega_{2}, \Omega_{3}$, given as

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{\Omega}_{2}=4 \ell_{1} v_{1}+2 \ell_{2}\left(v_{0}-2 v_{1} u_{1}\right)-6 \ell_{3} u_{0} v_{1}-2 u_{0} u_{1}-2 u_{1}^{3}-3 v_{1}^{2}-f_{2}, \\
& \tilde{\Omega}_{3}=2 v_{1} \ell_{2}+\ell_{3}\left(2 v_{0}-4 u_{1} v_{1}\right)+2 u_{0}-3 u_{1}^{2}-f_{3},
\end{aligned}
$$

which combine with the linear interpolating equations (in (3)) to give rise to the linear system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
-1 & 0 & u_{0} & -u_{1} u_{0} \\
0 & -1 & u_{1} & -u_{1}^{2}+u_{0} \\
0 & 4 v_{1} & -2 v_{1} u_{1}+2 v_{0} & -6 u_{0} v_{1} \\
0 & 0 & 2 v_{1} & -4 v_{1} u_{1}+2 v_{0}
\end{array}\right) \cdot\left(\begin{array}{c}
\ell_{0} \\
\ell_{1} \\
\ell_{2} \\
\ell_{3}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}
-v_{0} \\
-v_{1} \\
f_{2}+2 u_{1} u_{0}+2 u_{1}^{3}+3 v_{1}^{2} \\
f_{3}-2 u_{0}+3 u_{1}^{2}
\end{array}\right)
$$

As was the case with the divisor addition in the previous section, we can first solve a smaller system for $\ell_{2}$ and $\ell_{3}$, by adding the appropriate multiple of the second row to the third row above, to give

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cl}
2 v_{1} u_{1}+2 v_{0} & -2 u_{0} v_{1}-4 v_{1} u_{1}^{2} \\
2 v_{1} & -4 v_{1} u_{1}+2 v_{0}
\end{array}\right) \cdot\binom{\ell_{2}}{\ell_{3}}=\binom{f_{2}+2 u_{1} u_{0}+2 u_{1}^{3}-v_{1}^{2}}{f_{3}-2 u_{0}+3 u_{1}^{2}}
$$

After solving the above system for $\ell_{2}$ and $\ell_{3}$, the process of obtaining $D^{\prime \prime}=[2] D=\left(x^{2}+u_{1}^{\prime \prime} x+\right.$ $\left.u_{0}^{\prime \prime}, v_{1}^{\prime \prime} x+v_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right)$ is identical to the case of addition in the previous section, giving rise to the analogous explicit formulas in Table 2.

| Input: | $D=\left(u_{1}, u_{0}, v_{1}, v_{0}, U_{1}=u_{1}^{2}, U_{0}=u_{1} u_{0}\right)$, with constants $f_{2}, f_{3}$ | Operations |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $v v \leftarrow v_{1}^{2}, \quad v u \leftarrow\left(v_{1}+u_{1}\right)^{2}-v v-U_{1}, \quad M_{1} \leftarrow 2 v_{0}-2 v u, \quad M_{2} \leftarrow 2 v_{1} \cdot\left(u_{0}+2 U_{1}\right)$, | $1 \mathbf{M}+2 \mathbf{S}$ |  |  |
| $M_{3} \leftarrow-2 v_{1}, \quad M_{4} \leftarrow v u+2 v_{0}, \quad z_{1} \leftarrow f_{2}+2 U_{1} \cdot u_{1}+2 U_{0}-v v, \quad z_{2} \leftarrow f_{3}-2 u_{0}+3 U_{1}$, | $1 \mathbf{M}$ |  |  |
| $t_{1} \leftarrow\left(M_{2}-z_{1}\right) \cdot\left(z_{2}-M_{1}\right), \quad t_{2} \leftarrow\left(-z_{1}-M_{2}\right) \cdot\left(z_{2}+M_{1}\right), \quad t_{3} \leftarrow\left(M_{4}-z_{1}\right) \cdot\left(z_{2}-M_{3}\right)$, | $3 \mathbf{M}$ |  |  |
| $t_{4} \leftarrow\left(-z_{1}-M_{4}\right) \cdot\left(z_{2}+M_{3}\right), \quad r_{1} \leftarrow t_{1}-t_{2}, \quad r_{2} \leftarrow t_{4}-t_{3}$, | $1 \mathbf{M}$ |  |  |
| $r_{3} \leftarrow t_{3}+t_{4}-t_{1}-t_{2}-2\left(M_{2}-M_{4}\right) \cdot\left(M_{1}+M_{3}\right) \quad \ell_{2} \leftarrow r_{1} / 2, \quad \ell_{3} \leftarrow-r_{2} / 2, \quad d \leftarrow r_{3} / 2$, | $1 \mathbf{M}$ |  |  |
| $A \leftarrow 1 /\left(d \cdot \ell_{3}\right), \quad B \leftarrow d \cdot A, \quad C \leftarrow d \cdot B, \quad D \leftarrow \ell_{2} \cdot B, \quad E \leftarrow \ell_{3}^{2} \cdot A$, | $\mathbf{I}+5 \mathbf{M}+1 \mathbf{S}$ |  |  |
| $u_{1}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow 2 D-C^{2}-2 u_{1}, \quad u_{0}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow\left(D-u_{1}\right)^{2}+2 C \cdot\left(v_{1}+C \cdot u_{1}\right), \quad U_{1}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow u_{1}^{\prime \prime 2}, \quad U_{0}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow u_{1}^{\prime \prime} \cdot u_{0}^{\prime \prime}$, | $3 \mathbf{M}+3 \mathbf{S}$ |  |  |
| $v_{1}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow D \cdot\left(u_{1}-u_{1}^{\prime \prime}\right)+U_{1}^{\prime \prime}-U_{1}-u_{0}^{\prime \prime}+u_{0}, \quad v_{0}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow D \cdot\left(u_{0}-u_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right)+U_{0}^{\prime \prime}-U_{0}$, | $2 \mathbf{M}$ |  |  |
| $v_{1}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow E \cdot v_{1}^{\prime \prime}+v_{1}, \quad v_{0}^{\prime \prime} \leftarrow E \cdot v_{0}^{\prime \prime}+v_{0}$. | $2 \mathbf{M}$ |  |  |
| Output:: | $D^{\prime \prime}=\rho([2] D)=\left(u_{1}^{\prime \prime}, u_{0}^{\prime \prime}, v_{1}^{\prime \prime}, v_{0}^{\prime \prime}, U_{1}^{\prime \prime}=u_{1}^{\prime \prime 2}, U_{0}^{\prime \prime}=u_{1}^{\prime \prime} u_{0}^{\prime \prime}\right)$. | Total | $\mathbf{I}+19 \mathbf{M}+6 \mathbf{S}$ |

Table 2. Explicit formulas for a general doubling $D^{\prime \prime}=[2] D$ of a degree 2 divisor on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$. A MAGMA script is provided in Appendix C.

### 4.3 Comparisons of formulas in genus 2

Table 3 draws comparisons between our affine formulas above and the affine formulas presented in previous work.

| $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ inversions | Previous work | General Jacobian doubling$\mathbb{F}_{g}$ muls $(\mathbf{M}) \quad \mathbb{F}_{\text {a }}$ sqrs $(\mathbf{S})$ |  | General Jacobian addition $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ muls (M) $\quad \mathbb{F}_{q}$ sqrs ( $\mathbf{S}$ ) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 I | Harley [21, 19] | 30 | - | 24 | 3 |
|  | Lange [30] | 24 | 6 | 24 | 3 |
|  | Matsuo et al. [39] | 27 | - | 25 | - |
| 1 I | Takahashi [47] | 29 | - | 25 | - |
|  | Miyamoto et al. [41] | 27 | - | 26 | - |
|  | Lange [34] | 22 | 5 | 22 | 3 |
|  | This work | 19 | 6 | 17 |  |

Table 3. Comparisons between geometric affine explicit formulas for genus 2 curves over prime fields and previous formulas using CRT based composition. The analogous projective comparison is made in Table 6.

Note that carrying the two extra affine coordinates between consecutive point operations does not affect the key sizes or length of transmissions in a protocol. In the rare scenario where space might be restricted on a constrained device that only supports temporary storage of 4 coordinates throughout the computations, contracting back to the 4 standard affine coordinates only costs one extra field operation in both addition and doubling; carrying the coordinate $u_{1}^{2}$ only allows us to trade a multiplication for a field squaring, which is often preferred in implementations. In this case the operation counts become $\mathbf{I}+19 \mathbf{M}+3 \mathbf{S}$ for divisor addition and $\mathbf{I}+21 \mathbf{M}+5 \mathbf{S}$ for divisor doubling.

In some implementations where inversions are very expensive, it may be advantageous to adopt projective formulas which avoid inversions altogether. We give the projective versions of the formulas in Appendix B. Our projective formulas compute scalar multiples faster than all previous projective formulas for general genus 2 curves. We also note that our homogeneous projective formulas require only 5 coordinates in total, which is the heuristic minimum for projective implementations in genus 2.

Finally, we comment that, unlike the case of elliptic curves where point doublings are generally much faster than additions, affine genus 2 operations reveal divisor additions to be the significantly cheaper operation. In cases where an addition would usually follow a doubling to compute $[2] D \oplus D^{\prime}$,
it is likely to be computationally favorable to instead compute $\left(D \oplus D^{\prime}\right) \oplus D$, provided temporary storage of the additional intermediate divisor is not problematic.

## 5 The general description

This section presents the geometric algorithm for composition for arbitrary $g$. The general method for reduction has essentially remained the same in all related publications following Cantor's original paper (at least in the case of low genera), but we give a geometric interpretation of the number of reduction rounds required in Section 5.3 below.

### 5.1 Geometric composition for $\boldsymbol{g} \geq \mathbf{2}$

We generalize the composition described for genus 2 in sections 4.1 and 4.2 to hyperelliptic curves of arbitrary genus. Importantly, there are two aspects of this general description to highlight.
(i) In contrast to Cantor's general description of composition which involves polynomial arithmetic, this general description is immediately explicit in terms of $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ arithmetic.
(ii) When computing the interpolating function from the Mumford coordinates, the linear system that arises has an exploitable structure, just like the special linear system arising from interpolating points on the curve can be exploited. In addition, note that the linear system resulting from Mumford coordinates is of dimension $g$, whilst the linear system resulting from interpolating points is of dimension $2 g$.

Namely, to expand on the second point, when interpolating the $2 g$ points $\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)$ and $\left(x_{i}^{\prime}, y_{i}^{\prime}\right)$ for $1 \leq i \leq g$ in the supports of $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ (even if their coordinates were defined over the base field), computing the degree $2 g-1$ polynomial that interpolates these points involves solving a linear system of the well-known Vandermonde form, given as

The special form of the system may be much cheaper to solve than a general linear system of the same size. In the case of the Mumford function fields $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{g}\right)$ and $K^{\mathrm{Mum}}\left(C_{g} \times C_{g}\right)$, the resulting linear systems may also be solvable faster than in the general case, especially in the context of applications where precomputations are feasible. Although the function $\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{2 g-1} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ has $2 g$ coefficients, the only linear system to be solved in all cases is actually of dimension $g$ : after solving this system for $\ell_{i \geq g}$, the remaining $\ell_{i<g}$ can be computed in a straightforward way. Henceforth we use $\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}$ to denote the associated linear system of dimension $g$, and we focus our discussion on how to exploit the structure of $\mathbf{M}$.

In the case of a general divisor addition, $\mathbf{M}$ is computed as $\mathbf{M}=\mathbf{U}-\mathbf{U}^{\prime}$, where $\mathbf{U}$ and $\mathbf{U}^{\prime}$ are described by $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ respectively. In fact, as for the system derived from coordinates of points above, the matrix $\mathbf{M}$ is completely dependent on $u(x)$ and $u^{\prime}(x)$, whilst the vector $\mathbf{z}$ depends entirely on $v(x)$ and $v^{\prime}(x)$. Algorithm 1 details how to build $\mathbf{U}$ (resp. $\mathbf{U}^{\prime}$ ), where the first column of $\mathbf{U}$ is initialized as the Mumford coordinates $\left\{u_{i}\right\}_{1 \leq i<g}$ of $D$, and the remaining $g^{2}-g$ entries are computed by proceeding across the columns and taking $\mathbf{U}_{i, j}=u_{i-1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{g, j-1}+\mathbf{U}_{i-1, j-1}$. This relationship is obtained by a careful generalization of the process that computed (4) from (3) in the case of genus 2.

Depending on the genus, we remark that Algorithm 1 will most likely not be the fastest way to compute M. Instead, we propose that a faster routine is likely to be achieved by using Algorithm 1 to determine the algebraic expression for each of the elements in $\mathbf{M}$, and tailoring optimized formulas to generate its entries, in the same way that the previous section did for genus 2.

In addition, we note that the special form of $\mathbf{M}$ suggests other possible ways to compute $\mathbf{x}$ which bypass the complete computation of $\mathbf{M}$ (and/or the expensive inverse). This follows from observing that both $\mathbf{U}$ and $\mathbf{U}^{\prime}$ can actually be written as a sum of $g$ matrices that are computed as outer

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Algorithm 1 Geometric composition (addition) of two unique divisors. A MAGMA script is provided
in Appendix E.
Input: \(D=\left\{u_{i}, v_{i}\right\}_{0 \leq i \leq g-1}, D^{\prime}=\left\{u_{i}^{\prime}, v_{i}^{\prime}\right\}_{0 \leq i \leq g-1}\).
Output: \(\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{2 g-1} \ell_{i} x^{i}\) such that \(\operatorname{supp}(D) \cup \operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right) \subset \operatorname{supp}(\operatorname{div}(\ell))\).
    \(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{U}^{\prime}, \mathbf{M} \leftarrow\{0\}^{g \times g} \in \mathbb{F}_{q}^{g \times g}, \mathbf{z} \leftarrow\{0\}^{g} \in \mathbb{F}_{q}^{g}\).
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g\) do
    \(\mathbf{U}_{g+1-i, 1} \leftarrow-u_{g-i} \quad ; \quad \mathbf{U}_{g+1-i, 1}^{\prime} \leftarrow-u_{g-i}^{\prime}\)
    end for
    for \(j\) from 2 to \(g\) do
        \(\mathbf{U}_{1, j} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}_{g, j-1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{1,1} \quad ; \quad \mathbf{U}_{1, j}^{\prime} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}_{g, j-1}^{\prime} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{1,1}^{\prime}\).
        for \(i\) from 2 to \(g\) do
            \(\mathbf{U}_{i, j} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}_{g, j-1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{i, 1}+\mathbf{U}_{i-1, j-1} \quad ; \quad \mathbf{U}_{i, j}^{\prime} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}_{g, j-1}^{\prime} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{i, 1}^{\prime}+\mathbf{U}_{i-1, j-1}^{\prime}\).
        end for
    end for
    \(\mathbf{M} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}-\mathbf{U}^{\prime}\).
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g\) do
        \(\mathbf{z}_{i} \leftarrow v_{i-1}-v_{i-1}^{\prime}\)
    end for
    Solve \(\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}\)
    Compute \(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}=\mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{x}\)
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g\) do
        \(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i} \leftarrow v_{g-i}-\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i}\)
    end for
    return \(\ell(x) \quad\left(\right.\) from \(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}=\left\{\ell_{0}, \ldots, \ell_{g-1}\right\}\) and \(\left.\mathbf{x}=\left\{\ell_{g}, \ldots, \ell_{2 g-1}\right\}\right)\)
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products; let $\mathbf{c}=\left(c_{1}, . ., c_{g}\right), \tilde{\mathbf{c}}=\left(\tilde{c}_{1}, \ldots, \tilde{c}_{g}\right) \in \mathbb{F}_{q}^{g}$ be two vectors that are derived solely from the $g$ Mumford coordinates belonging to $D$, then

$$
\mathbf{U}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
c_{1} \tilde{c}_{1} & c_{1} \tilde{c}_{2} & \cdots & c_{1} \tilde{c}_{g} \\
c_{2} \tilde{c}_{1} & c_{2} \tilde{c}_{2} & \cdots & c_{2} \tilde{c}_{g} \\
\vdots & \ldots & \ddots & \vdots \\
c_{g-1} \tilde{c}_{1} & \cdots & c_{g-1} \tilde{c}_{2} & \cdots \\
c_{g-1} \tilde{c}_{g} \\
c_{g} \tilde{c}_{1} & c_{g} \tilde{c}_{2} & \cdots & c_{g} \tilde{c}_{g}
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & c_{1} \tilde{c}_{1} & \cdots & c_{1} \tilde{c}_{g-1} \\
\vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & c_{g-2} \tilde{c}_{2} & \cdots & c_{g-2} \tilde{c}_{g-1} \\
0 & c_{g-1} \tilde{c}_{2} & \cdots & c_{g-1} \tilde{c}_{g-1}
\end{array}\right)+\ldots+\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \cdots & 0 & c_{1} \tilde{c}_{1}
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Example 11. Assume a general genus 3 curve and let the Mumford representations of the divisors $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ be as usual. The matrix $\mathbf{U}$ is given as

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
-u_{0} & u_{2} u_{0} & -u_{2}^{2} u_{0}+u_{1} u_{0} \\
-u_{1} & u_{2} u_{1}-u_{0} & -u_{2}^{2} u_{1}+u_{1}^{2}+u_{2} u_{0} \\
-u_{2} & u_{2}^{2}-u_{1} & -u_{2}^{3}+2 u_{2} u_{1}-u_{0}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
-u_{0} & u_{2} u_{0} & \left(-u_{2}^{2}+u_{1}\right) u_{0} \\
-u_{1} & u_{2} u_{1} & \left(-u_{2}^{2}+u_{1}\right) u_{1} \\
-u_{2} & u_{2}^{2} & \left(-u_{2}^{2}+u_{1}\right) u_{2}
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -u_{0} & u_{2} u_{0} \\
0 & -u_{1} & u_{2} u_{1}
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -u_{0}
\end{array}\right)
$$

and $\mathbf{U}^{\prime}$ is given identically. In this case $\mathbf{c}=\left(u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}\right)^{T}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}=\left(-1, u_{2},-u_{2}^{2}+u_{1}\right)^{T}$. Setting $\mathbf{M}=\mathbf{U}-\mathbf{U}^{\prime}$ and $\mathbf{z}=\left(v_{0}-v_{0}^{\prime}, v_{1}-v_{1}^{\prime}, v_{2}-v_{2}^{\prime}\right)^{T}$, we find the $g=3$ coefficients $\ell_{3}, \ell_{4}$ and $\ell_{5}$ of the quintic $\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{5} \ell_{i} x^{i}$ that interpolates the 6 non-trivial elements in $\operatorname{supp}(D) \cup \operatorname{supp}\left(D^{\prime}\right)$ by solving $\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}$ for $\mathbf{x}=\left(\ell_{3}, \ell_{4}, \ell_{5}\right)^{T}$. The remaining coefficients are found via a straightforward matrix multiplication as $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}=\left(\ell_{0}, \ell_{1}, \ell_{2}\right)^{T}=\mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{x}$.

The immediate observation in general is that $\mathbf{c} \tilde{\mathbf{c}}^{T}$ is the only outer product that requires computation in order to determine $\mathbf{U}$ entirely. Next, we recall the formula for updating matrix inverses due to Sherman and Morrison [45] as

$$
\left(\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{u v}^{T}\right)^{-1}=\left(\mathbf{A}^{-1}-\frac{\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{u v}^{T} \mathbf{A}^{-1}}{1+\mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{u}}\right)
$$

We suggest an approach that applies this formula as follows. In the context of HECC, consider the scalar multiplication of the divisor $D$, where each addition occurring in a standard double-and-add routine will involve $D$ itself, and some other multiple $D^{\prime}$ of $D$. Thus, each $\mathbf{M}$ that arises will share the same contribution from $D$, namely $\mathbf{U}$ in $\mathbf{M}=\mathbf{U}-\mathbf{U}^{\prime}$. Relabel $\mathbf{U}^{\prime}=-\mathbf{U}^{\prime}$ and observe that if the inverse of $\mathbf{U}$ is precomputed and stored for the entire scalar routine, then repeated application of the Sherman-Morrison formula can allow $\mathbf{M}^{-1}=\left(\mathbf{U}+\mathbf{U}^{\prime}\right)^{-1}=\left(\mathbf{U}+\sum_{i=1}^{g} \mathbf{c}_{i}^{\prime} \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{i}^{T T}\right)^{-1}$ to be computed at each addition stage by Algorithm 2.

In this fashion the inverse of $\mathbf{M}$ is computed using a series of matrix-vector multiplications and vector-vector inner/outer products, where we note that because of the increasing number of zero

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Algorithm 2 Computing \(\mathbf{M}^{-1}\) with repeated application of the Sherman-Morrison formula
Input: \(\mathbf{U}^{-1}\) (precomputed), and \(\mathbf{U}^{\prime}\).
Output: \(\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{inv}}=\mathbf{M}^{-1}\).
    \(\mathbf{M}_{\text {inv }} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}^{-1}\).
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g\) do
        \(\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{inv}} \leftarrow\left(\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{inv}}-\left(\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{inv}} \mathbf{c}_{i}^{\prime} \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{i}^{\prime T} \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{inv}}\right) /\left(1+\tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{i}^{\prime T} \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{inv}} \mathbf{c}_{i}^{\prime}\right)\right)\).
    end for
    return \(\mathrm{M}_{\text {inv }}\).
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entries in $\mathbf{c}_{i}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{i}$ as $i$ approaches $g$, the complexity of these operations decreases in each iteration (refer back to Example 11). For higher genus implementations, such an approach could significantly reduce the computational cost of finding the solution to the $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ matrix system using generic methods.

We round up this discussion by noting that the matrix structure arising in divisor doublings is analogous and has the same potential to be optimized; the algorithm is in Appendix A. The reason for the longer description in the case of doublings is that the right hand side vector $\mathbf{z}$ is slightly more complicated than in the case of addition: as is the case with general Weierstrass elliptic curves, additions tend to be independent of the curve constants whilst doublings do not. We reiterate that, for low genus implementations at least, Algorithm 3 is intended to obtain the algebraic expressions for each element in $\mathbf{M}$; as was the case with genus 2 , a faster computational route to determining the composition function will probably arise from genus specific attention that derives tailored explicit formulas. Besides, the general consequence of Remark 10 is that many (if not all) of the values constituting $\mathbf{U}$ will have already been computed in the previous point operation, and can therefore be temporarily stored and reused.

### 5.2 Handling special cases

The geometric description of divisor composition naturally encompasses the special cases where either (or both) of the divisors have degree less than $g$. In fact, Proposition 1 trivially generalizes to describe the set of degree divisors on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{g}\right)$ whose effective parts have degree $d \leq g$, and can therefore be used to obtain the Mumford ideals associated with special input divisors ${ }^{5}$. This will often result in fewer rounds of reduction and a simpler linear system. For example, whilst the general addition of two full degree divisors in genus 3 requires an additional round of reduction after the first points of intersection are found (see Figure 1 and Figure 2), it is easy to see that any group operation on a genus 3 curve involving a divisor of degree less than 3 will give rise to a reduced divisor immediately. Clearly the explicit formulas arising in these special cases will always be much faster, in agreement with all prior expositions (cf. [2, §14]). In higher genus implementations that do not explicitly account for all special cases of inputs, Katagi et al. [26] noted that it can still be very advantageous to explicitly implement and optimize one of the special cases.

### 5.3 Geometric reduction

Gaudry's chapter [17] gives an overview of different algorithms (and complexities) for the reduction phase. Our experiments lead us to believe that the usual method of reduction is still the most preferable for small $g$. In genus 2 we saw that point additions and doublings do not require more than one round of reduction, i.e. the initial interpolating function intersects $C_{2}$ in at most two more places (refer to Figure 3), immediately giving rise to the reduced divisor that is the sum. In genus $g \geq 3$ however, this is generally not the case. Namely, the initial interpolating function intersects $C_{g}$ in more than $g$ places, giving rise to an unreduced divisor that requires further reduction. We restate Cantor's complexity argument concerning the number of rounds of reduction $([7, \S 4])$ in a geometric way in the following proposition.

Proposition 12. In the addition of any two reduced divisor classes on the Jacobian of a genus $g$ hyperelliptic curve, the number of rounds of further reduction required to form the reduced divisor is at most $\left\lfloor\frac{g-1}{2}\right\rfloor$, with equality occurring in the general case.

[^1]Proof. For completeness note that addition on elliptic curves in Weierstrass form needs no reduction, so take $g \geq 2$. The composition polynomial $y=\ell(x)$ with the $2 g$ prescribed zeros (including multiplicities) has degree $2 g-1$. Substituting $y=\ell(x)$ into $C_{g}: y^{2}+h(x) y=f(x)$ gives an equation of degree $\max \{2 g+1,3 g-1,2(2 g-1)\}=2(2 g-1)$ in $x$, for which there are at most $2(2 g-1)-2 g=2 g-2$ new roots. Let $n_{t}$ be the maximum number of new roots after $t$ rounds of reduction, so that $n_{0}=2 g-2$. While $n_{t}>g$, reduction is not complete, so continue by interpolating the $n_{t}$ new points with a polynomial of degree $n_{t}-1$, producing at most $2\left(n_{t}-1\right)-n_{t}=n_{t}-2$ new roots. It follows that $n_{t}=2 g-2 t-2$, and since $t, g \in \mathbb{Z}$, the result follows.

## 6 Further implications and potential

This section is intended to further illustrate the potential of adopting a geometric approach to performing arithmetic in Jacobians. It is our hope that the suggestions in this section encourage future investigations and improvements.

We start by commenting that our algorithm can naturally be generalized to much more than standard divisor additions and doublings. Namely, given any set of divisors $D_{1}, \ldots, D_{n} \in C_{g}$ and any corresponding set of scalars $r_{1}, \ldots, r_{n} \in \mathbb{Z}$, we can theoretically compute $D=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[r_{i}\right] D_{i}$ at once, by first prescribing a function that, for each $1 \leq i \leq n$, has a zero of order $r_{i}$ at each of the non-trivial points in the support of $D_{i}$. Note that if $r_{i} \notin \mathbb{Z}^{+}$, then prescribing a zero of order $r_{i}$ at some point $P$ is equivalent to prescribing a pole of order $-r_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}$at $P$ instead. We first return to genus 1 to show that this technique can be used to recover several results that were previously obtained by alternatively merging or overlapping consecutive elliptic curve computations (cf. [11, 8]).

Simultaneous operations on elliptic curves. In the case of genus 1, the Mumford representation of reduced divisors is trivial, i.e. if $P=\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$, the Mumford representation of the associated divisor is $D_{P}=\left(x-x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$, and the associated Mumford ideal is (isomorphic to) the curve itself. However, we can again explore using the Mumford representation as an alternative to derivatives in order to generate the required linear systems arising from prescribing multiplicities of greater than one. In addition, when unreduced divisors in genus 1 are encountered, the Mumford representation becomes non-trivial and very necessary for efficient computations.


Fig. 5. Computing [2] $P+P^{\prime}$ by prescribing a parabola which intersects $E$ at $P, P^{\prime}$ with multiplicities two and one respectively.


Fig. 6. Tripling the point $P \in E$ by prescribing a parabola which intersects $E$ at $P$ with multiplicity three.


Fig. 7. Quadrupling the point $P \in$ $E$ by prescribing a cubic which intersects $E$ at $P$ with multiplicity four.

To double-and-add or point triple on an elliptic curve, we can prescribe a parabola $\ell(x)=$ $\ell_{2} x^{2}+\ell_{1} x+\ell_{0} \in \mathbb{F}_{q}(E)$ with appropriate multiplicities in advance, as an alternative to Eisenträger et al.'s technique of merging two consecutive chords into a parabola [11]. Depending on the specifics of an implementation, computing the parabola in this fashion offers the same potential advantage as that presented by Ciet et al. [8]; we avoid any intermediate computations and bypass computing $P+P^{\prime}$ or [2] $P$ along the way. When tripling the point $P=\left(x_{P}, y_{P}\right) \in E$, the parabola is determined from the three equalities $\ell(x)^{2} \equiv x^{3}+f_{1} x+f_{0} \bmod \left\langle\left(x-u_{0}\right)^{i}\right\rangle$ for $1 \leq i \leq 3$, from which we take one of the coefficients that is identically zero in each of the three cases. As one example, we found projective formulas which compute triplings on curves of the form $y^{2}=x^{3}+f_{0}$ and cost $3 \mathbf{M}+10 \mathbf{S}$ (see Appendix C). These are the second fastest tripling formulas reported across all curve models
[4], being only slightly slower (unless $\mathbf{S}<0.75 \mathbf{M}$ ) than the formulas for tripling-oriented curves introduced by Doche et al. [10] which require $6 \mathbf{M}+6 \mathbf{S}$.

We can quadruple the point $P$ by prescribing a cubic function $\ell(x)=\ell_{3} x^{3}+\ell_{2} x^{2}+\ell_{1} x+\ell_{0}$ which intersects $E$ at $P$ with multiplicity four (see Figure 7). This time however, the cubic is zero on $E$ in two other places, resulting in an unreduced divisor $D_{\hat{P}}=\hat{P}_{1}+\hat{P}_{2}$, which we can represent in Mumford coordinates as $D_{\hat{P}}=(\hat{u}(x), \hat{v}(x))$ (as if it were a reduced divisor in genus 2). Our experiments agree with prior evidence that it is unlikely that point quadruplings will outperform consecutive doublings in the preferred projective cases, although we believe that one application which could benefit from this description is pairing computations, where interpolating functions are necessary in the computations. To reduce $D_{\hat{P}}$, we need the line $y=\hat{\ell}(x)$ joining $\hat{P}_{1}$ with $\hat{P}_{2}$, which can be computed via $\hat{\ell}(x) \equiv \ell(x) \bmod \langle\hat{u}(x)\rangle$. The update to the pairing function requires both $\ell(x)$ and $\hat{\ell}(x)$, as $f_{\text {upd }}=\ell(x) / \hat{\ell}(x)$. We claim that it may be attractive to compute a quadrupling in this fashion and only update the pairing function once, rather than two doublings which update the pairing functions twice, particularly in implementations where inversions don't compare so badly against multiplications [37]. It is also worth pointing out that in a quadruple-and-add computation, the unreduced divisor $D_{\hat{P}}$ need not be reduced before adding an additional point $P^{\prime}$. Rather, it could be advantageous to immediately interpolate $\hat{P}_{1}, \hat{P}_{2}$ and $P^{\prime}$ with a parabola instead.

Simultaneous operations in higher genus Jacobians. Increasing the prescribed multiplicity of a divisor not only increases the degree of the associated interpolating function (and hence the linear system), but also generally increases the number of rounds of reduction required after composition. In the case of genus 1, we can get away with prescribing an extra zero (double-and-add or point tripling) without having to encounter any further reduction, but for genus $g \geq 2$, this will not be the case in general. For example, even when attempting to simultaneously compute $[2] D+D^{\prime}$ for two general divisors $D, D^{\prime} \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$, the degree of the interpolating polynomial becomes 5 , instead of 3 , and the dimension of the linear system that arises can only be trivially reduced from 6 to 4 . Our preliminary experiments seem to suggest that unless the linear system can be reduced further, it is likely that computing $[2] D+D^{\prime}$ simultaneously using our technique won't be as fast as computing two consecutive straightforward operations. However, as in the previous paragraph, we argue that such a trade-off may again become favorable in pairing computations where computing the higher-degree interpolating function would save a costly function update.

Explicit formulas in genus 3 and 4. Developing explicit formulas for hyperelliptic curves of genus 3 and 4 has also received some attention [48, 50, 20]. It will be interesting to see if the composition technique herein can further improve these results. In light of Remark 10 and the general description in Section 5 , the new entries in the matrix $\mathbf{M}$ will often have been already computed in the previous point operation, suggesting an obvious extension of the coordinates if the storage space permits it. Therefore the complexity of our proposed composition essentially boils down to the complexity of solving the dimension $g$ linear system in $\mathbb{F}_{q}$, and so it would also be interesting to determine for which (practically useful) genera one can find tailor-made methods of solving the special linear system that arises, as we discussed briefly in Section 5.1.

Characteristic two, special cases, and more coordinates. Although the proofs in Section 3 were for arbitrary hyperelliptic curves over general fields, Section 4 simplified the exposition by focusing only on finite fields of large prime characteristic. Of course, it is possible that the description herein can be tweaked to also improve explicit formulas in the cases of special characteristic two curves (see $[2, \S 14.5]$ ). In addition, it is possible that the geometric derivation of explicit formulas for special cases of inputs will enhance implementations which make use of these (refer to Section 5.2). Finally, we only employed straightforward homogeneous coordinates to obtain the projectified versions of our formulas. As was the case with the previous formulas based on Cantor's composition, it is possible that extending the projective coordinate system will give rise to even faster formulas.

## 7 Conclusion

This paper presents a new method of divisor composition for hyperelliptic curves. The method is based on using simple linear algebra to derive the required geometric functions directly from the

Mumford coordinates of Jacobian elements. In contrast to Cantor's composition which operates in the polynomial ring $\mathbb{F}_{q}[x]$, the algorithm we propose is immediately explicit in terms of $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ operations. We showed that this achieves the current fastest general group law formulas in genus 2 , and pointed out several other potential improvements that could arise from this exposition.

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## A General composition of a divisor with itself (doubling)

For an arbitrary full-degree divisor $D$ on any hyperelliptic curve of genus $g$, Algorithm 3 computes a function $\ell(x)$ which intersects $C_{g}$ with multiplicity 2 at each of the non-trivial elements in $\operatorname{supp}(D)$. This description can be used to derive fast explicit formulas for higher genus implementations. A MAGMA version of the algorithm is given in Table 14 of Appendix E.

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Algorithm 3 Geometric composition (doubling) of a unique divisor with itself
Input: \(D=\left\{u_{i}, v_{i}\right\}_{0 \leq i \leq g-1}\) and curve coefficients \(f_{0}, f_{1}, \ldots, f_{2 g-1}\).
Output: \(\ell(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{2 g-1} \ell_{i} x^{i}\) such that each non-trivial element in \(\operatorname{supp}(D)\) occurs with multiplicity two in \(\operatorname{div}(\ell)\).
    \(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{M} \leftarrow\{0\}^{g \times g} \in \mathbb{F}_{q}^{g \times g}, \mathbf{v} \leftarrow\{0\}^{g-1} \in \mathbb{F}_{q}^{g-1}, \mathbf{z} \leftarrow\{0\}^{g} \in \mathbb{F}_{q}^{g}\)
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g\) do
        \(\mathbf{U}_{g+1-i, 1} \leftarrow-u_{g-i}\)
    end for
    for \(j\) from 2 to \(g\) do
        \(\mathbf{U}_{1, j} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}_{g, j-1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{1,1}\).
        for \(i\) from 2 to \(g\) do
            \(\mathbf{U}_{i, j} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}_{g, j-1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{i, 1}+\mathbf{U}_{i-1, j-1}\).
        end for
    end for
    \(u_{\text {extra }} \leftarrow \mathbf{U}_{g, 1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{g, g}+\mathbf{U}_{g-1, g}\).
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g\) do
        \(\mathbf{M}_{g+1-i, 1} \leftarrow v_{g-i}\)
    end for
    for \(j\) from 2 to \(g\) do
        \(\mathbf{M}_{i, j} \leftarrow \mathbf{M}_{i, j}+\mathbf{U}_{g, j-1} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{i, 1}+\mathbf{M}_{g, j-1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{i, 1}+\mathbf{M}_{i-1, j-1}\).
    end for
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g-1\) do
        \(\mathbf{z}_{g+1-i} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}_{g+1-i}+2 \cdot \mathbf{U}_{g, 1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{g+1-i, 1}+\mathbf{U}_{g-i, 1}+\mathbf{U}_{g, i+1}+f_{2 g-i}\).
        for \(j\) from 1 to \(i\) do
            \(\mathbf{z}_{g-i} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}_{g-i}+f_{2 g-1-i+j} \cdot U_{g, j}\).
            \(\mathbf{v}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_{i}-\mathbf{M}_{g+1-j, 1} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{g-i+j, 1}\).
        end for
    end for
    \(\mathbf{z}_{1} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}_{1}+2 \cdot \mathbf{U}_{g, 1} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{1,1}+f_{g}\).
    \(\mathbf{z}_{g-1} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}_{g-1}+\mathbf{v}_{1}\).
    for \(i\) from 3 to \(g\) do
        for \(j\) from 2 to \(i-1\) do
            \(\mathbf{z}_{g+1-i} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}_{g+1-i}+\mathbf{v}_{i-j} \cdot \mathbf{U}_{g, j-1}\).
        end for
        \(\mathbf{z}_{g+1-i} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}_{g+1-i}+\mathbf{v}_{i-1}\).
    end for
    \(\mathbf{z}_{1,1} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}_{1,1}+u_{\text {extra }}\).
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g\) do
        \(\mathbf{z}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{z}_{i} / 2\).
    end for
    Solve \(\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}\)
    Compute \(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}=-\mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{x}\)
    for \(i\) from 1 to \(g\) do
        \(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i} \leftarrow v_{g-i}+\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{i}\)
    end for
    \(\operatorname{return} \ell(x) \quad\left(\right.\) from \(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}=\left\{\ell_{0}, \ldots, \ell_{g-1}\right\}\) and \(\left.\mathbf{x}=\left\{\ell_{g}, \ldots, \ell_{2 g-1}\right\}\right)\)
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## B Homogeneous projective formulas in genus 2



Table 4. Explicit formulas for a general doubling $D^{\prime \prime}=D \oplus D^{\prime}$ involving two degree 2 divisors on Jac ( $C_{2}$ ) in homogeneous projective coordinates A MAGMA script is provided in Appendix D


Table 5. Explicit formulas for a general doubling $D^{\prime \prime}=[2] D$ of a degree 2 divisor on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$ in homogeneous projective coordinates. A MAGMA script is provided in Appendix D.

| Previous work | \# Coordinates | Doubling |  |  | Mixed add |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | needed | M | Sddition |  |  |  |  |
|  | M | S | M | S |  |  |  |
| Wollinger and Kovtun [49] | 5 | 39 | 6 | 39 | 4 | 46 | 4 |
| Lange [32, 34] | 5 | 38 | 6 | 40 | 3 | 47 | 4 |
| Fan et al. [13] | 5 | 39 | 6 | 38 | 3 | - | - |
| Fan et al. [13] | 8 | 35 | 7 | 36 | 5 | - | - |
| Lange [33, 34] | 8 | 34 | 7 | 36 | 5 | 47 | 7 |
| This work | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |

Table 6. Comparisons between geometric homogeneous projective formulas for genus 2 curves over prime fields and previous formulas for genus 2 arithmetic.

The original wave of papers presenting inversion-free explicit formulas projectified in the generic fashion, i.e. employing homogeneous projective coordinates which introduce one extra coordinate to act as the denominator and avoid the inversion. Lange [33] was the first to extend the coordinate system and improve on the earlier operation counts. The work by Fan et al. [13] came much later but their formulas were constructed specifically to incur no overhead when being transferred into the context of pairings. We present the straightforward homogeneous projective version of our affine formulas above, which are faster than their predecessors, and also carry the heuristic minimum number of coordinates. MAGMA scripts are given in Appendix D.

Lastly, the formulas in Table 1, Table 2, Table 4 and Table 5 all required the solution to a linear system of dimension 2 . This would ordinarily require $6 \mathbb{F}_{q}$ multiplications, but we applied Hisil's trick [23, eq. 3.8$]$ to instead perform these computations using $5 \mathbb{F}_{q}$ multiplications.

## C Magma scripts for affine genus 2 formulas (and projective genus 1 tripling)

| ```function AffADD(u1,u0,v1,v0,u1s, u01, u1d,u0d, v1d, v0d, u1ds, u01d); uS:=u1+u1d; v0D:=v0-v0d; v1D:=v1-v1d; M1:=u1s-u0-u1ds+u0d; M2:=u01d-u01; M3:=u1-u1d; M4:=u0d-u0; t1:=(M2-v0D)*(v1D-M1); t2:=(-v0D-M2)*(v1D+M1); t3:=(-v0D+M4)*(v1D-M3); t4:=(-v0D-M4)*(v1D+M3); r1:=t1-t2; r2:=t4-t3; r3:=t3+t4-t1-t2-2*(M2-M4)*(M1+M3); 12:=r1/2; 13:=-r2/2; d:=r3/2; A :=1/(d*l3); B :=d*A; C :=d*B; D :=12*B; E :=13^2 *A; Cs :=C^2; u1dd := 2*D-Cs-uS; u0dd := D^2 + C*(v1+v1d) -((u1dd-Cs)*uS+(u1s+u1ds))/2; uu1dd :=u1dd^2; uu0dd:=u1dd*u0dd; v1dd := D*(u1-u1dd)+ uu1dd-u0dd-u1s+u0; v0dd := D*(u0-u0dd) + uu0dd - u01; v1dd := E*v1dd + v1; v0dd := E*v0dd + v0; Jac![x^2+u1dd*x+u0dd,v1dd*x+v0dd]; //Check return u1dd,u0dd,v1dd,v0dd,uu1dd,uu0dd; end function;``` | $\begin{gathered} / / 2 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 2 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 1 \mathbf{M} \\ / / \mathbf{I}+4 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 1 \mathbf{M}+2 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 2 \mathbf{M}+1 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 2 \mathbf{M}+1 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 3 \mathbf{M} \\ / / \text { Total } \\ / / \mathbf{I}+17 \mathbf{M}+4 \mathbf{S} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |

Table 7. MAGMA code for a general (affine) addition $D^{\prime \prime}=D+D^{\prime}$ of two degree 2 divisors on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$.

| ```function AffDBL(u1, u0, v1, v0, uu1, uu0, f2, f3); vv:=v1^2 ; valpha:=(v1+u1)^2-vv-uu1; M1:=2*v0-2*valpha; M2:=2*v1*(u0+2*uu1); M3:=-2*v1; M4:=valpha+2*v0; z1:=f2+2*uu1*u1+2*uu0-vv; z2:=f3-2*u0+3*uu1; t1:=(M2-z1)*(z2-M1); t2:=(-z1-M2)*(z2+M1); t3:=(-z1+M4)*(z2-M3); t4:=(-z1-M4)*(z2+M3); r1:=t1-t2; r2:=t4-t3; r3:=t3+t4-t1-t2-2*(M2-M4)*(M1+M3); 12:=r1/2; 13:=-r2/2; d:=r3/2; A :=1/(d*l3); B :=d*A; C :=d*B; D :=12*B; E :=13^2 *A; u1dd := 2*D-C^2 -2*u1; u0dd := (D-u1)^2 + 2*C*(v1 +C*u1); uu1dd:=u1dd^2 ; uu0dd:=u1dd*u0dd; v1dd := D*(u1-u1dd)+uu1dd-uu1-u0dd+u0; v0dd := D*(u0-u0dd)+(uu0dd-uu0); v1dd := E*v1dd + v1; v0dd := E*v0dd + v0; Jac![x^2+u1dd*x+u0dd,v1dd*x+v0dd]; //Check return u1dd,u0dd,v1dd,v0dd,uu1dd,uu0dd; end function;``` | $\begin{gathered} / / 1 \mathbf{M}+2 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 1 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 2 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 2 \mathbf{M} \\ / / \mathbf{I}+2 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 4 \mathbf{M}+2 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 3 \mathbf{M}+2 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 2 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 2 \mathbf{M} \\ / / \text { Total } \\ / / \mathbf{I}+19 \mathbf{M}+6 \mathbf{S} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |

Table 8. MAGMA code for a general (affine) doubling $D^{\prime \prime}=[2] D$ of a degree 2 divisor on $D \in \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$.


Table 9. MAGMA code for a general (projective) tripling $P^{\prime \prime}=[3] P$ of a point $P \in E / F_{q}: y^{2}=x^{3}+a_{0}$.

## D Magma scripts for projective genus 2 formulas



Table 10. MAGMA code for a general addition $D^{\prime \prime}=D \oplus D^{\prime}$ of two degree 2 divisors on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$ in projective coordinates.

| function ProjDBL(U1, U0, V1, V0, Z, f2, f3); |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| UU:=U1*U0; U1S:=U1^2; ZS:=Z^2; VOZ:=V0*Z; UOZ:=U0*Z; V1S:=V1^2; UV:=(V1+U1)^2-V1S-U1S; | $/ / 3 \mathbf{M}+4 \mathbf{S}$ |
| M1:=2*VOZ-2*UV; M2:=2*V1*(UOZ+2*U1S) ; M3: $=-2 * V 1$; M4: $=$ UV+2*VOZ; | //1M |
| z1: $=$ Z* (f2*ZS-V1S) $+2 *$ U1* (U1S+U0Z) ; z2: $=\mathrm{f} 3 * \mathrm{ZS}-2 *$ UOZ $+3 *$ U1S; | //2M |
| $\mathrm{t} 1:=(\mathrm{M} 2-\mathrm{z} 1) *(\mathrm{z} 2-\mathrm{M} 1)$; $\mathrm{t} 2:=(-\mathrm{z} 1-\mathrm{M} 2) *(\mathrm{z} 2+\mathrm{M} 1)$; $\mathrm{t} 3:=(-\mathrm{z} 1+\mathrm{M} 4) *(\mathrm{z} 2-\mathrm{M} 3) ; \mathrm{t} 4:=(-\mathrm{z} 1-\mathrm{M} 4) *(\mathrm{z} 2+\mathrm{M} 3)$; | //4M |
| $\mathrm{r} 1:=\mathrm{t} 1-\mathrm{t} 2$; r2:=t4-t3; r3:=t3+t4-t1-t2-2*(M2-M4)*(M1+M3) ; b2:=r1/2; b3:=-r2/2; d:=r3/2; | //1M |
| $\mathrm{A}:=\mathrm{b} \wedge^{\wedge} 2 ; \mathrm{B}:=\mathrm{b} 3^{\wedge} 2 ; \mathrm{C}:=\left((\mathrm{b} 2+\mathrm{b} 3)^{\wedge} 2-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}\right) / 2 ; \mathrm{D}:=\mathrm{B} * \mathrm{Z} ; \mathrm{E}:=\mathrm{B} * \mathrm{U} 1 ; \mathrm{F}:=\mathrm{d}^{\wedge} 2 ; \mathrm{G}:=\mathrm{F} * \mathrm{Z}$; | $/ / 3 \mathbf{M}+4 \mathbf{S}$ |
| $\mathrm{H}:=\left((\mathrm{d}+\mathrm{b} 3)^{\wedge} 2-\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{B}\right) / 2 ; \mathrm{J}:=\mathrm{H} * \mathrm{Z} ; \mathrm{K}:=\mathrm{V} 1 * \mathrm{~J} ; \mathrm{L}:=\mathrm{U} 0 \mathrm{Z} * \mathrm{~B} ; \mathrm{U} 1 \mathrm{dd}$ : $=2 * \mathrm{C}-2 * \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{G}$; | $/ / 3 \mathbf{M}+1 \mathbf{S}$ |
| UOdd : $=\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{U} 1 *(\mathrm{E}-2 * \mathrm{C}+2 * \mathrm{G})+2 * \mathrm{~K}$; V1dd : $=(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{U} 1 \mathrm{dd}) *(\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{U} 1 \mathrm{dd})+\mathrm{B} *(\mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{UOdd})$; | //3M |
| VOdd := L* (C-E) +(U1dd-C)*UOdd; V1dd := V1dd*Z + K*D; VOdd := VOdd + VOZ*H*D; | //6M |
| M:=J*Z; U1dd:=U1dd*M; UOdd:=U0dd*J; Zdd:=M*D; | //4M |
| return U1dd, UOdd,V1dd,VOdd, Zdd; | //Total |
| end function; | $/ / 30 \mathbf{M}+9 \mathbf{S}$ |

Table 11. MAGMA code for a general doubling $D^{\prime \prime}=[2] D$ of a degree 2 divisor on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$ in projective coordinates.

| ```function ProjMIXED(U1, U0, V1, V0, Z, u1, u0, v1, v0); u1Z:=u1*Z; U1S:=U1^2; u1ZS:=u1Z^2; uOZ:=u0*Z; M1:=u1ZS-U1S+Z*(U0-u0Z); M2:=U1*U0-u1Z*uOZ; M3:=u1Z-U1; M4:=U0-u0Z; v1Z:=v1*Z; z1:=v0*Z-V0; z2:=v1Z-V1; t1:=(M2-z1)*(z2-M1); t2:=(-z1-M2)*(z2+M1); t3:=(-z1+M4)*(z2-M3); t4:=(-z1-M4)*(z2+M3); r1:=t1-t2; r2:=t4-t3; r3:=t3+t4-t1-t2-2*(M2-M4)*(M1+M3); b2:=r1/2; b3:=-r2/2; d:=r3/2; A:=d^2; B:=b3*Z; C:=d*B; D:=b2*B; E:=b3*B; F:=E*u1Z; G:=B^2; H:=u0Z*G; J:=C*G; Zdd:=Z*J; U1dd:= 2*D-A-E*(u1Z+U1); UOdd := b2^2*Z + C*(v1Z+V1) -((U1dd-A)*(u1Z+U1)+E*(u1ZS+U1S))/2; V1dd := F*(D-F) +U1dd*(U1dd-D) +E*(H-UOdd); VOdd := H*(D - F) + (U1dd-D)*UOdd ; V1dd := Z*V1dd + Zdd*v1; VOdd := VOdd + Zdd*v0; U1dd:=U1dd*Z*C; UOdd:=UOdd*C; return U1dd,UOdd,V1dd,VOdd,Zdd; end function;``` | $\begin{gathered} / / 3 \mathbf{M}+2 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 4 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 4 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 1 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 7 \mathbf{M}+2 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 2 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 4 \mathbf{M}+1 \mathbf{S} \\ / / 5 \mathbf{M} \\ / / 6 \mathbf{M} \\ / / \mathrm{Total} \\ / / 36 \mathbf{M}+5 \mathbf{S} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |

Table 12. MAGMA code for a mixed addition $D^{\prime \prime}=D+D^{\prime}$ of two degree 2 divisors on $\operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{2}\right)$, where $D$ is in projective coordinates and $D^{\prime}$ is in affine coordinates.

## E Magma scripts for arbitrary genus composition

```
clear; q:=NextPrime(2^30); g:=6; /* Input prime characteristic and genus */
Fq:=GF(q); Poly<x>:=PolynomialRing(Fq);
coeffs:=[];
for i:=1 to 2*g do coeffs:=Append(coeffs,Random(0,q)); end for;
f:=x^(2*g+1);
    f+:=coeffs[i]*x^(i-1);
end for;
C:=HyperellipticCurve(f); g:=Genus(C); Jac:=Jacobian(C); Inf:=PointsAtInfinity(C) [1];
PointsVec1:=[]; PointsVec2:=[]; /* Create full degree divisors */
for i:=1 to g do
    PointsVec1:=Append(PointsVec1,Random(C)); PointsVec2:=Append(PointsVec2,Random(C));
end for;
J1:=Jac![[PointsVec1[i]: i in [1..g]],[Inf: i in [1..g]]];
J2:=Jac![[PointsVec2[i]: i in [1..g]],[Inf: i in [1..g]]];
MumfordTuple1:=[]; MumfordTuple2:=[]; /* Put 2g Mumford coordinates into lists */
for i:=1 to g do
    MumfordTuple1:=Append(MumfordTuple1, Coefficients(J1[1])[g+1-i]);
    MumfordTuple2:=Append(MumfordTuple2, Coefficients(J2[1])[g+1-i]);
end for;
for i:=1 to g do
    MumfordTuple1:=Append(MumfordTuple1, Coefficients(J1[2])[g+1-i]);
    MumfordTuple2:=Append(MumfordTuple2, Coefficients(J2[2])[g+1-i]);
end for;
U1:=ZeroMatrix(Fq,g,g); U2:=ZeroMatrix(Fq,g,g);
for i:=1 to g do
    U1[g+1-i,1]:=-MumfordTuple1[i]; U2[g+1-i,1]:=-MumfordTuple2[i];
end for;
for j:=2 to g do
    U1[1,j]:=U1[g,j-1]*U1[1,1]; U2[1,j]:=U2[g,j-1]*U2[1,1];
    for i:=2 to g do
        U1[i,j]:=U1[i,j]+U1[g,j-1]*U1[i,1]+U1[i-1,j-1];
        U2[i,j]:=U2[i,j]+U2[g,j-1]*U2[i,1]+U2[i-1,j-1];
    end for;
end for;
M:=U1-U2; z:=[]; /* Construct right hand side vector z */
for i:=1 to g do
    z:=Append(z,MumfordTuple1[2*g+1-i]-MumfordTuple2[2*g+1-i]);
end for; /* Magmas solve needs transposes */
M:=Transpose(M);z:=Vector(Fq,z); sols:=Solution(M,z); solVec:=ZeroMatrix(Fq,g,1);
for i:=1 to g do /* Solve linear system for lin (i>g-1)*/
    solVec[i,1]:=sols[i];
end for;
solVec2:=U1*solVec; /* Get remaining 1 1 */
for i:=1 to g do
    solVec2[g+1-i][1]:= MumfordTuple1[g+i]-solVec2[g+1-i][1];
end for;
Y:=Poly!0;
for i:=1 to g do
    Y+:=solVec2[i][1]*x^(i-1); Y+:=solVec[i][1]*x^(g+i-1);
end for;
IsDivisibleBy(Y^2-f,J1[1]*J2[1]); /* Construct polynomial and check intersection */
```

Table 13. Script for composition between two unique divisors (Algorithm 1) on arbitrary genus curves.

Once the characteristic $q$ and the genus $g$ have been specified, the algorithms above and below generate an arbitrary imaginary hyperelliptic curve over $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ of genus $g$, and respectively perform the geometric composition between two unique divisors (addition) and a divisor and itself (doubling).

```
clear; q:=NextPrime(2^30); g:=6; /* Input prime characteristic and genus */
Fq:=GF(q); Poly<x>:=PolynomialRing(Fq);
coeffs:=[]
for i:=1 to 2*g do
coeffs:=Append(coeffs,Random(0,q));
end for;
f:=x^(2*g+1); /* Create Random Hyperelliptic Curve */
for i:=1 to 2*g do
    f+:=coeffs[i]*x^(i-1);
end for;
C:=HyperellipticCurve(f); g:=Genus(C); Jac:=Jacobian(C); Inf:=PointsAtInfinity(C) [1];
PointsVec:=[]; /* Create full degree divisor */
for i:=1 to g do
    PointsVec:=Append(PointsVec,Random(C));
end for;
J1:=Jac![[PointsVec[i]: i in [1..g]],[Inf: i in [1..g]]];
MumfordTuple:=[];
for i:=1 to g do
    MumfordTuple:=Append(MumfordTuple, Coefficients(J1[1])[g+1-i]);
end for;
for i:=1 to g do
MumfordTuple:=Append(MumfordTuple, Coefficients(J1[2])[g+1-i]);
end for; /* Initialize */
U:=ZeroMatrix(Fq,g,g); M:=ZeroMatrix(Fq,g,g); v:=ZeroMatrix(Fq,g-1,1); z:=ZeroMatrix(Fq,g,1);
for i:=1 to g do
    U[g+1-i,1]:=-MumfordTuple[i];
end for;
    U[1,j]:=U[g,j-1]*U[1,1];
    for i:=2 to g do
        U[i,j]:=U[g,j-1]*U[i,1]; U[i,j]+:=U[i-1,j-1];
    end for;
end for;
uExtra:=U [g,1]*U[g,g]+U[g-1,g]; /* Extra element required for M */
for i:=1 to g do
    M[g+1-i,1]:=MumfordTuple[i+g];
end for; /* Construct matrix M */
for j:=2 to g do
    M[1,j]:=M[1,j]+U[g,j-1]*M[1,1]+M[g,j-1]*U[1,1] ;
    for i:=2 to g do
        M[i,j]:=M[i,j]+U[g,j-1]*M[i,1]+M[i-1,j-1]+M[g,j-1]*U[i,1];
    end for;
end for;
for i:=1 to g-1 do /* Construct right hand side vector z */
    z[g+1-i,1]+:=2*U[g,1]*U[g+1-i,1] + U[g-i,1]+U[g,i+1] + coeffs[2*g+1-i];
    for j:=1 to i do
        z[g-i,1]+:=coeffs[2*g-i+j]*U[g,j]; v[i,1]+:=-M[g+1-j,1]*M[g-i+j,1];
    end for;
end for;
z[1,1]+:=2*U[g,1]*U[1,1] + coeffs[g+1]; z[g-1,1]+:=v[1,1];
for i:=3 to g do
    for j:=2 to i-1 do
        z[g+1-i,1]+:=v[i-j,1]*U[g,j-1];
    end for;
    z[g+1-i,1]+:=v[i-1,1];
end for;
z[1,1]+:=uExtra;
for i:=1 to g do
    z[i,1]/:=2;
end for;
M:=Transpose(M); z:=Vector(Fq,Transpose(z)); /* Magmas solve needs transposes */
sols:=Solution(M,z); solVec:=ZeroMatrix(Fq,g,1); /* Solve linear system for b}\mp@subsup{\textrm{b}}{\textrm{i}}{(}(i>g-1)*
for i:=1 to g do
    solVec[i,1]:=sols[i];
end for;
solVec2:=-U*solVec; /* Get remaining bi
for i:=1 to g do
    solVec2[i,1]:=MumfordTuple[2*g+1-i]+solVec2[i,1];
end for;
Y:=Poly!0;
for i:=1 to g do
    Y+:=solVec2[i][1]*x^(i-1); Y+:=solVec[i][1]*x^(g+i-1);
end for;
IsDivisibleBy(Y^2-f,J1[1]^2); /* Construct polynomial and check intersection */
```

Table 14. Script for geometric composition (Algorithm 3) between a divisor and itself on arbitrary genus curves.


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    ${ }^{4}$ The security argument becomes more complicated once venturing beyond genus 4, where Gaudry's attack [16] overtakes the Pollard Rho method [44].

[^1]:    ${ }^{5}$ Perhaps the most general consequence of Proposition 1 is using it to describe (or enumerate) the entire Jacobian by summing over all $d$, as $\# \operatorname{Jac}\left(C_{g}\right)=\# C_{g}+\sum_{d=2}^{g} n_{d}$, where $n_{d}$ is the number of $2 d$-tuples lying in the intersection of the $d$ associated hypersurfaces.

