

Elliptic-curve cryptography (ECC) is an approach to [public-key cryptography](#) based on the [algebraic structure](#) of [elliptic curves](#) over [finite fields](#).

ECC requires smaller keys compared to non-ECC cryptography to provide equivalent security. For example, to achieve the same security ensured by ECC having private key of 256 bit length, it is required to use 3000 bit private key length for RSA cryptosystem and others.

Elliptic curves are applicable for [key agreement](#), [digital signatures](#), [pseudo-random generators](#) and other tasks.

Indirectly, they can be used for [encryption](#) by combining the key agreement with a symmetric encryption scheme.

[Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm - Bitcoin Wiki \(ECDSA\)](#)

[https://en.bitcoin.it/wiki/Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm](https://en.bitcoin.it/wiki/Elliptic_Curve_Digital_Signature_Algorithm) Feb 10, 2015

Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm or ECDSA is a cryptographic algorithm used by Bitcoin, Ethereum and other blockchain methods to ensure that funds can only be spent by their owner.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elliptic-curve cryptography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elliptic-curve_cryptography)

Finite Field denoted by F_p (or rarely Z_p), when: p is prime.

$F_p = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$; $+_{\text{mod } p}$, $-_{\text{mod } p}$, $\bullet_{\text{mod } p}$, $\div_{\text{mod } p}$ (except division by 0).

Cyclic Group: $Z_p^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$; $\bullet_{\text{mod } p}$, $\div_{\text{mod } p}$.

$p=11$
 $xa = e$

For example, if $p=11$, then one of the generators is $g=2$.

The main function used in cryptography was Discrete Exponent Function - DEF:

$DEF(x) = g^x \text{ mod } p = a.$

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$2^x \text{ mod } p$	1	2	4	8	5	10	9	7	3	6	1

Animation

Discrete Exponent Function - $DEF_g(x) = g^x \text{ mod } p$

x is in $Z_{p-1} = Z_{10} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$; $\text{mod } (p-1)$

$DEF(x)$ is in $Z_p^* = Z_{11}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$; $\text{mod } p$

DEF: $Z_{p-1} \rightarrow Z_p^*$.

Fermat theorem: if p is prime, then for any z : $z^{p-1} = 1 \text{ mod } p$.

If g is a generator in Z_p^* then DEF is 1-to-1 mapping.

$x \in Z_{10}$ $a \in Z_{11}^*$

0				1
1				2
2				4
3				8
4				5
5				10
6				9
7				7
8				3
9				6

Multiplicative Group Z_p^*	Additive Group Z_{p-1}^+
$Z_p^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$	$Z_{p-1}^+ = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p-2\}$
Operation: multiplication mod p	Operation: addition mod $(p-1)$
Neutral element is 1 .	Neutral element is 0 .
Generator g : $Z_p^* = \{g^i; i=0,1,2, \dots, p-2\}$	Generator g : $Z_{p-1}^+ = \{i \cdot g; i=0,1,2, \dots, p-2\}$
Two criterions to find g when p is strong prime. $g^n \neq 1 \pmod p$ if $n < p$.	E.g. $g=1$. $(p-1) \cdot g = 0 \pmod{(p-1)}$ and $n \cdot g \neq 0 \pmod{(p-1)}$ if $0 < n < p-2$.
Modular exponent: $a = g^k \pmod p$ $a = g \cdot g \cdot g \cdot \dots \cdot g \pmod p$; k -times.	Modular multiplication: $a = k \cdot g \pmod{p-1}$ $a = g + g + g + \dots + g \pmod{p-1}$; k -times.

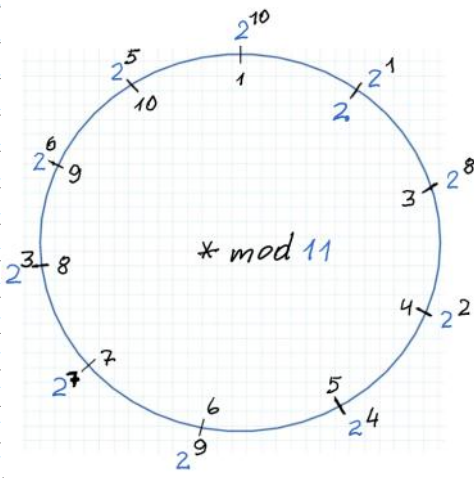
$p = 11, p-1 = 10$

$\cdot \pmod p$
 $Z_{11}^* = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$
 $|Z_{11}^*| = 10, g=2$.

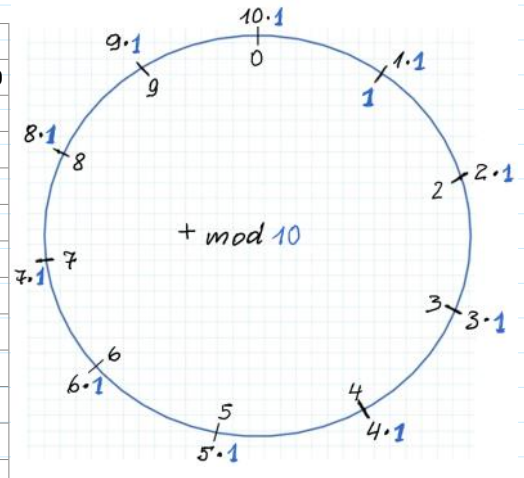
$p = 11, p-1 = 10$

$+ \pmod{(p-1)}$
 $Z_{10}^+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$
 $|Z_{10}^+| = 10; g=1$.

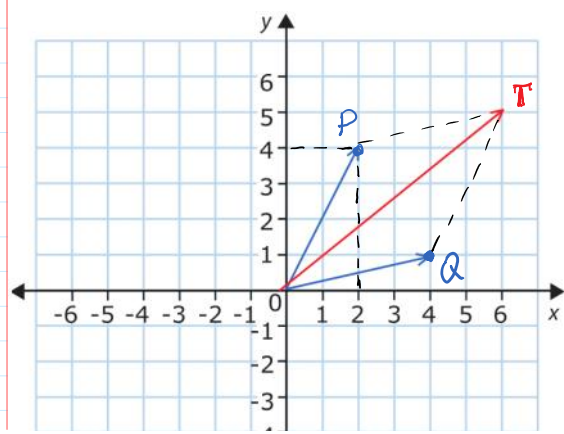
x		2^x mod 11
0	→	1
1	→	2
2	→	4
3	→	8
4	→	5
5	→	10
6	→	9
7	→	7
8	→	3
9	→	6
10	→	1



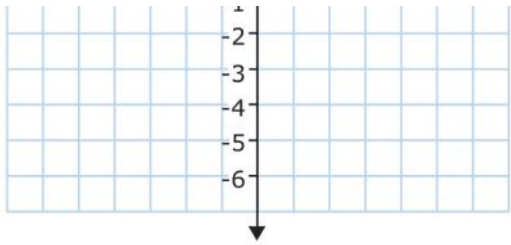
x		$x \cdot 1$ mod 10
0	→	1
1	→	2
2	→	3
3	→	4
4	→	5
5	→	6
6	→	7
7	→	8
8	→	9
9	→	0
10	→	1



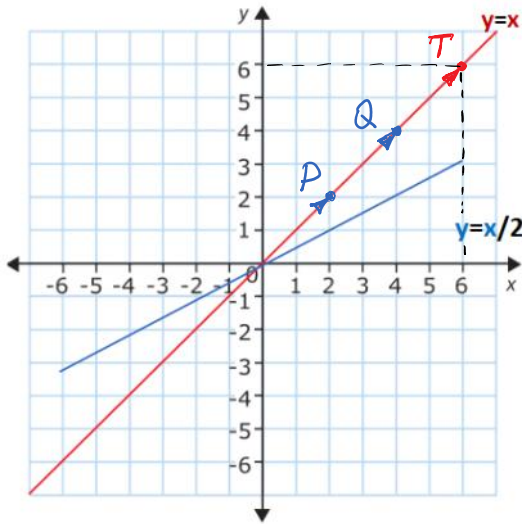
Coordinate systems XOY in subsequent examples are defined in the plane of real numbers.



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left. \begin{aligned} P(x_p, y_p) &= (2, 4) \\ Q(x_q, y_q) &= (4, 1) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} P+Q &= (2+4, 4+1) \\ T &= P+Q = (6, 5) \end{aligned} \\
 & T = P(x_p, y_p) \oplus Q(x_q, y_q) = \\
 & = T(x_p + x_q, y_p + y_q) = T(x_T, y_T) \\
 & \left. \begin{aligned} x_T &= x_p + x_q \\ y_T &= y_p + y_q \end{aligned} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

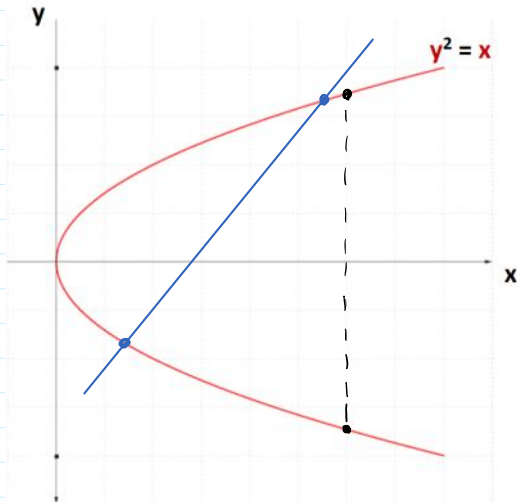
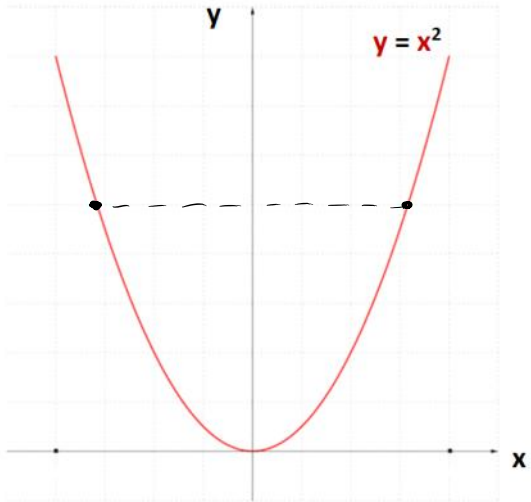
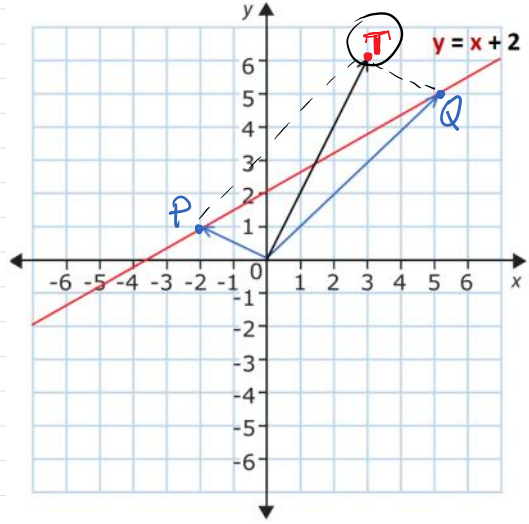


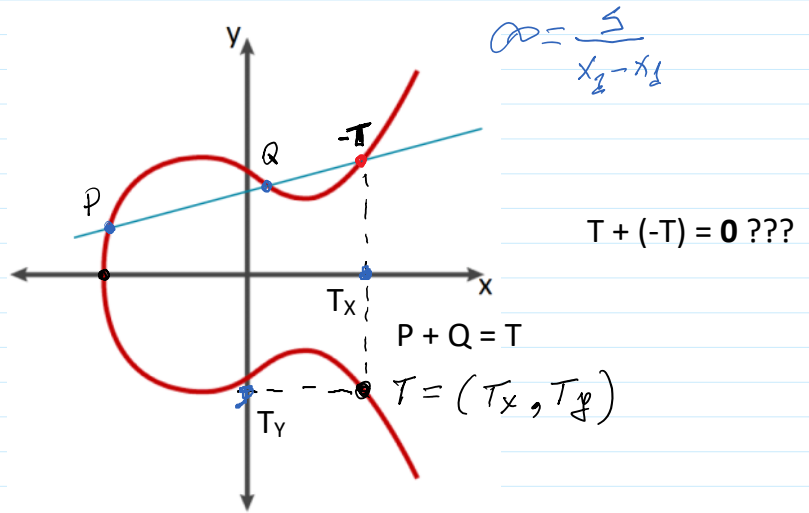
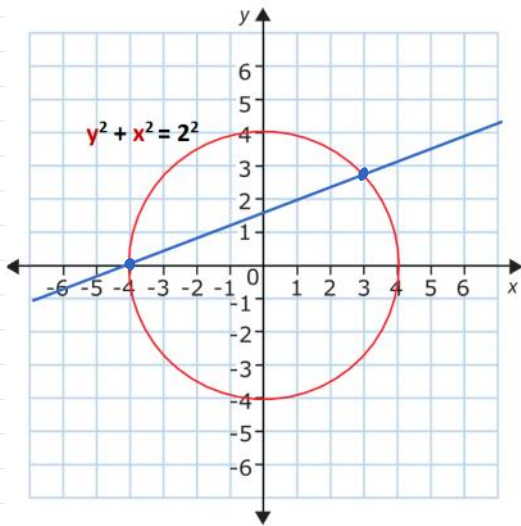
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T} &= x\hat{P} + y\hat{Q} \\ \hat{T} &= \hat{P} + \hat{P} = 2\hat{P} = \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} x_T &= 2 + 4 = 6 \\ y_T &= 2 + 4 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |T| &= \\ &= \sqrt{6^2 + 6^2} \end{aligned}$$

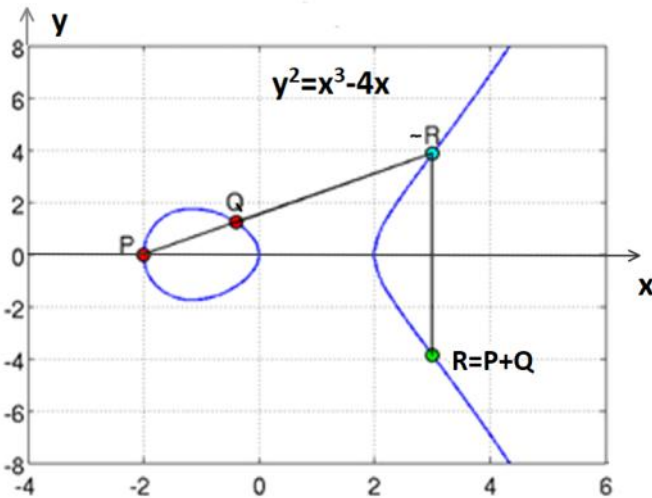
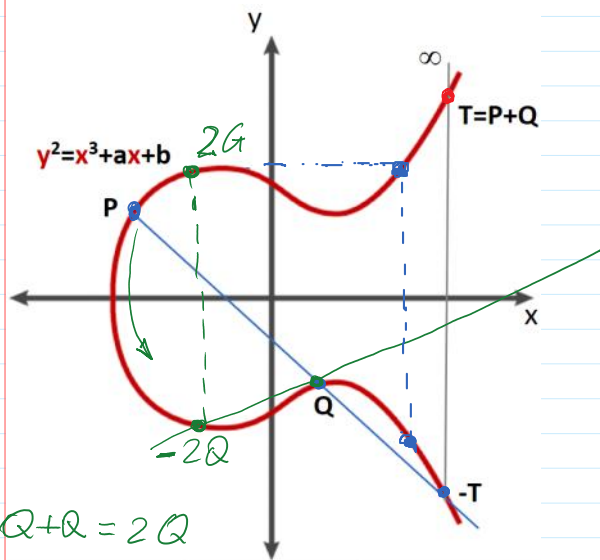




Elliptic curve has a property that if a line crosses two points, then there is a third crossing point in the curve.

Points in the plane or plane curve we denote by the capital letters, e.g. A, G, P, Q, etc.
Numbers-scalars we denote by the lowercase letters, e.g., a, g, x, y, z, etc.

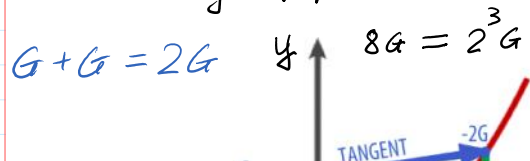
Addition of points P and Q in EC: $P + Q = T$
 $P(x_P, y_P) + Q(x_Q, y_Q) = T(x_T, y_T)$

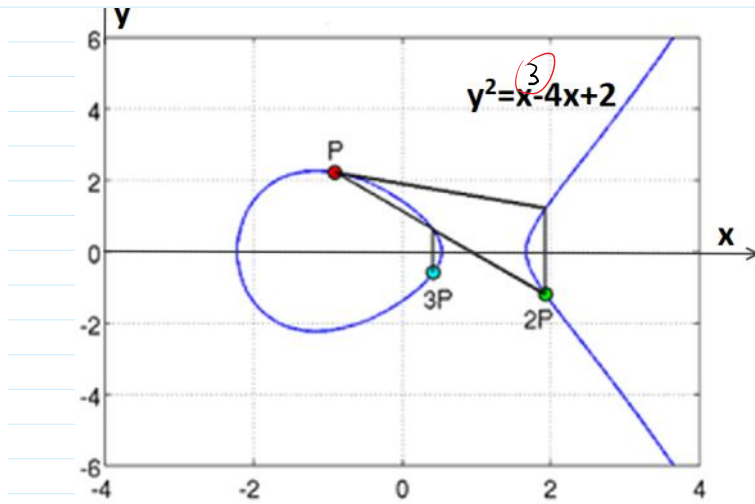
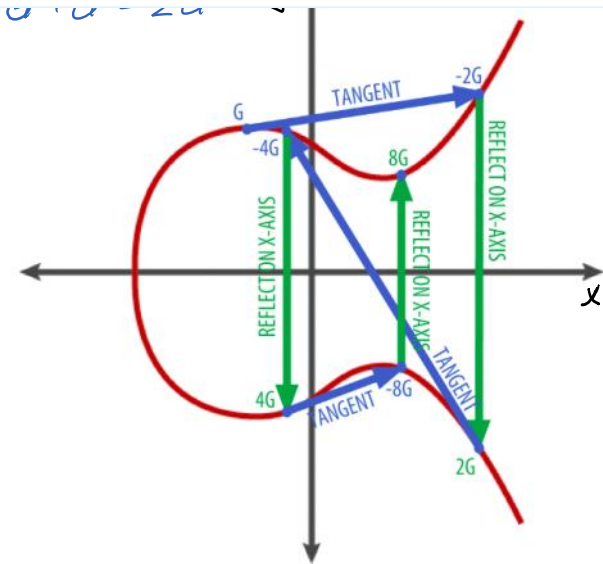


$5 - 5 \pmod{10} = 0$ $T - T = "0" \rightarrow T + (-T) = "0" \equiv \infty$
 $7 + 0 \pmod{10} = 7$ $T + \infty = T$

When z is large, $z \sim 2^{256} \rightarrow |z| = 256$ bits:

Doubling of points allows effectively compute point $A = zG$
 $a = g^x \pmod{p}$





[ECDSA animacija](#)

[Signing and Verifying Ethereum Signatures – Yos Riady · Software Craftsman](#)

<https://medium.com/coinmonks/elliptic-curve-cryptography-6de8fc748b8b>

For current cryptographic purposes, an *elliptic curve* is a plane curve over a finite field $F_p = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$, (rather than the real numbers) p -is prime.

Which consists of the points satisfying the equation over F_p

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$$

along with a distinguished point at infinity, denoted by θ (∞).

Finite field is an algebraic structure, where 4 algebraic operations: $+_{\text{mod } p}$, $-_{\text{mod } p}$, $\cdot_{\text{mod } p}$, $\div_{\text{mod } p}$ are defined except the division by 0 excluded.

Elliptic Curve Group (ECG)

Number of points N of Elliptic Curve with coordinates (x, y) is an order of ECG.

Addition operation \boxplus of points in ECG: let points $P(x_P, y_P)$ and $Q(x_Q, y_Q)$ are in EC with coordinates (x_P, y_P) and (x_Q, y_Q) then $P \boxplus Q = T$ with coordinates (x_T, y_T) in EC.

Neutral element is group zero θ at the infinity (∞) of $[XOY]$ plane.

Multiplication of any EC point G by scalar z : $T = z * G$; $T = G \boxplus G \boxplus G \boxplus \dots \boxplus G$; z -times.

Generator–Base Point G : $ECG = \{i * G; i = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$; $N * G = 0$ and $q * G \neq 0$ if $q < N$.

ElGamal Cryptosystem (CS)	Elliptic Curve Cryptosystem (CS)
$PP = (\text{strongprime } p, \text{generator } g)$; $p = 255996887$; $g = 22$;	$PP = (\text{EC secp256k1}; \text{BasePoint-Generator } G; \text{prime } p; \text{param. } a, b)$; Parameters a, b defines EC equation $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$ over F_p .
$PrK = x$; $\gg x = \text{randi}(p-1)$.	$PrK_{ECC} = z$; $\gg z = \text{randi}(p-1)$.
$PuK = a = g^x \pmod{p}$.	$PuK_{ECC} = A = z * G$.
Alice A : $x = 1975596$; $a = 210649132$;	Alice A : $z = \dots$; $A = (x_A, y_A)$;

Alice A: $x=1975596$; $a=210649132$; Alice A: $z=...$; $A=(x_A, y_A)$;

Let us consider abstract EC defined in XOY and expressed by the equation:

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}.$$

EC points are computed by choosing coordinate x and computing coordinate y^2 .

To compute coordinate y it is needed to extract root square of y^2 .

$$y = \pm\sqrt{y^2 \pmod{p}}.$$

Notice that from y^2 we obtain 2 points in EC, namely y and $-y$ no matter computations are performed with integers \pmod{p} or with real numbers.

Notice also that since EC is symmetric with respect to x -axis, the points y and $-y$ are symmetric in EC. Since all arithmetic operations are computed \pmod{p} then according to the definition of negative points in F_p points y and $-y$ must satisfy the condition

$$y + (-y) = 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Then evidently

$$y^2 = (-y)^2 \pmod{p}.$$

For example:

$$-2 \pmod{11} = 9$$

$$2^2 \pmod{11} = 4 \quad \& \quad 9^2 \pmod{11} = 4$$

$$\gg \text{mod}(9^2, 11)$$

$$\text{ans} = 4$$

$$\gg m2 = \text{mod}(-2, 11)$$

$$m2 = 9$$

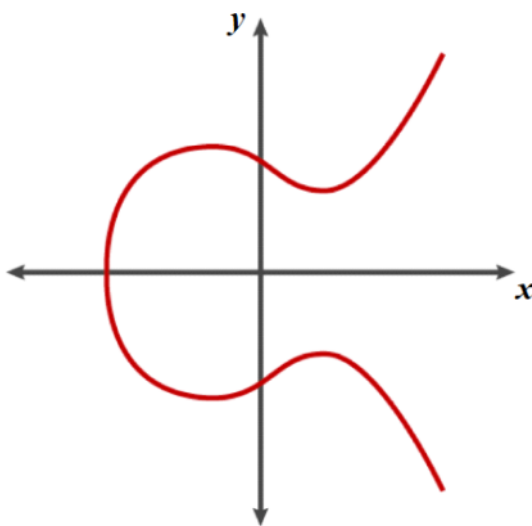
$$\gg \text{mod_exp}(2, 2, 11)$$

$$\text{ans} = 4$$

$$\gg \text{mod_exp}(9, 2, 11)$$

$$\text{ans} = 4$$

The positive and negative coordinates y and $-y$ in EC in the real numbers plane XOY are presented in Fig. The positive and negative numbers for $p=11$ are presented in table .



$y \pmod{11}$			$(-y) \pmod{11}$
1	odd	even	-1=10
2	even	odd	-2=9
3	odd	even	-3=8
4	even	odd	-4=7
5	odd	even	-5=6
6	even	odd	-6=5
7	odd	even	-7=4
8	even	odd	-8=3
9	odd	even	-9=2
10	even	odd	-10=1

Notice that performing operations \pmod{p} if y is odd then $-y$ is even and vice versa.

This property allows us to reduce bit representation of $\text{PuKECC} = A = z * G = (x_A, y_A)$;

In normal representation of PuKECC it is needed to store 2 coordinates (x_A, y_A) every of them having 256 bits.

For PuKECC it is required to assign 512 bits in total.

Instead of that we can store only x_A coordinate with an additional information either coordinate y_A is odd or even.

The even coordinate y_A is encoded by prefix 02 and odd coordinate y_A is encoded by prefix 03.

It is a compressed form of **PuKECC**.

If **PuKECC** is presented in uncompressed form than it is encoded by prefix 04.

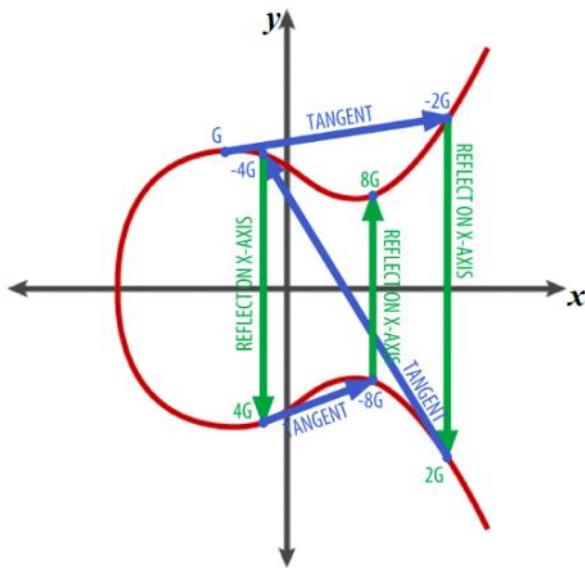
Imagine, for example, that having generator G we are computing $\text{PuKECC}=A=z*G=(x_A, y_A)$ when $z=8$.

Please ignore that after this explanation since it is crazy to use such a small z . It is a gift for adversary

To provide a search procedure.

Then **PuKECC** is represented by point $8G$ as depicted in Fig. So we obtain a concrete point in EC being either even or odd.

The coordinate y_A of this point can be computed by having only coordinate x_A using formulas presented above and having prefix either 02 or 03.



EC: $y^2=x^3+ax+b \pmod p$

Let we computed $\text{PuKECC}=A=(x_A, y_A)=8G$.

Then $(y_A)^2 = (x_A)^3 + a(x_A) + b \pmod p$ is computed.

By extracting square root from $(y_A)^2$ we obtain 2 points:

$8G$ and $-8G$ with coordinates (x_A, y_A) and $(x_A, -y_A)$.

According to the property of arithmetics of integers $\pmod p$ either y_A is **even** and $-y_A$ is **odd** or y_A is **odd** and $-y_A$ is **even**.

The reason is that $y_A + (-y_A) = 0 \pmod p$ as in the example above when $p=11$ and that there is a symmetry of EC with respect to x axis..

Then we can compress **PuKECC** representation with 2 coordinates (x_A, y_A) by representing it with 1 coordinate x_A and adding prefix either 02 if y_A is even or 03 if y_A is odd.