

**GMP-ECM: yet another implementation of the
Elliptic Curve Method**

**(or how to find a 40-digit prime factor within $2 \cdot 10^{11}$
modular multiplications)**

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Abstract

This talk will describe how to combine Brent-Suyama's improvement and fast polynomial multipoint evaluation into the improved standard continuation of the Elliptic Curve Method. Some estimations of the success probability improvement, based on computer simulations, will be described. Those ideas were implemented in GMP-ECM, which is freely available at <http://www.loria.fr/~zimmerma/records/ecmnet.html>. Some nice factors found by GMP-ECM, as well as a comparison with other programs will be given.

ECM variants

Step 1: $K_1 \frac{B_1}{\log 2}$ modular multiplications

- affine coordinates: $K_1 = 11/2$ plus $3B_1/2$ inversions
- homogeneous coord.: $K_1 = 11$, or $K_1 = 10$ plus $\frac{B_1}{\log B_1}$ inversions

Step 2: $K_2 \frac{B_2}{\log B_2}$ modular multiplications, $1/2 \leq K_2 \leq 3$

- improved standard continuation (Montgomery 1987): check all primes up to B_2
- birthday paradox continuation (Brent 1985): check $\frac{B_2}{\log B_2}$ “random” numbers (with possibly several prime factors)

Efficiency of an ECM program

- algorithm used (success probability given step 1 and 2 limits)
- implementation (# of modular multiplications for given limits)
- underlying arithmetic (multiplication mod N , inversions)

Brent-Suyama's improvement

In step 2, instead of computing $(s - t)Q$, compute $(s^e - t^e)Q$ with $x^{2e} - y^{2e}$ having a lot of divisors.

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|---------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| e | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 60 | 90 | 120 |
| $d(2e)$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 18 | 20 |

If $2e = 2^{e_1} 3^{e_2} 5^{e_3} \dots$, the success probability is conjectured to be in $(e_1 + 1)(e_2 + 1)(e_3 + 1) \dots = d(2e)$.

Only used for birthday paradox continuation so far.

Details of GMP-ECM implementation

Uses Montgomery's form with group order divisible by 12:

$$by^2z = x^3 + ax^2z + xz^2$$

and starting point given from σ like Brent, Crandall, Woltman.

Step 1: homogeneous coord. with Montgomery's PRAC algorithm.

Step 2: improved standard continuation with affine coordinates using an idea of Gerhard Niklasch, Brent-Suyama's improvement, and fast multipoint polynomial evaluation

Details of GMP-ECM step 2

Choose m, K, D such that $mKD > B_2$, $K = 2^k$, $D = 6d$, $\phi(D) < 2K$.

A. Compute $S = \{i^e \cdot Q, 0 < i < D, i \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \gcd(i, D) = 1\}$

B. Compute $F(x) = \prod_{a \in S} (x - a)$

C. Compute $R(x) = \text{Quo}(x^{2K-2}, F(x))$ using P.M.'s Recip algorithm

D. [m times] Compute $T_l = \{[(lK + j)D]^e Q, 0 \leq j < K\}$

E. [m times] Compute $G_l(x) = \prod_{b \in T_l} (x - b)$

F. [$m - 1$ times] Get $G_l(x) = G_{l-1}(x)G_l(x) \pmod{F(x)}$ using $R(x)$

Complexity analysis

Steps B and E cost each $M(K/2) + 2M(K/4) + 4M(K/8) + \dots$ modular multiplications, i.e. $M(K)$ for $M(n) = O(n^{\frac{\log 2}{\log 3}})$.

Step C costs $3(M(\frac{K}{2}) + M(\frac{K}{4}) + \dots)$ i.e. $3/2M(K)$ for Karatsuba.

Step F costs $3M(K)$.

The total is therefore $(4m - 1/2)M(K)$ for Karatsuba.

Estimation of the success probability

For a prime factor of 40 digits (4668127 random tries):

| B_1 | B_2 | e | hits | muls | curves | tot. muls | speedup |
|-------|-------|-----|----------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 3e6 | 3e8 | 1 | 870+0 | 5.29e7 | 5366 | 2.84e11 | 1 |
| 3e6 | 8.0e8 | 12 | 1089+235 | 5.44e7 | 3526 | 1.92e11 | 1.48 |
| 3e6 | 8.0e8 | 18 | 1089+250 | 5.54e7 | 3486 | 1.93e11 | 1.47 |
| 3e6 | 8.0e8 | 30 | 1089+303 | 5.74e7 | 3354 | 1.93e11 | 1.47 |

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|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| With Dickson polynomials: | e | 12 | 18 | 30 |
| | hits | +258 | +268 | +321 |

Number of modular multiplications

| B_1 | $m \times K \times D = B_2$ | x^e | step 1 (K_1) | step 2 (K_2) |
|-------|---|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| 1e6 | $6 \times 2048 \times 19110 = 2.3e8$ | x^{12} | 1.3e7 (9.0) | 6.3e6 (0.52) |
| 3e6 | $5 \times 4096 \times 39270 = 8e8$ | x^{30} | 3.9e7 (9.0) | 1.8e7 (0.47) |
| 11e6 | $6 \times 8192 \times 79170 = 3.9e9$ | x^{60} | 1.4e8 (9.1) | 6.9e7 (0.39) |
| 36e6 | $6 \times 16384 \times 159390 = 1.6e10$ | x^{120} | 4.7e8 (9.1) | 2.3e8 (0.35) |

Underlying arithmetic (155 digits)

On 366Mhz PC/Linux: 39070093 modular multiplications:
mul(248)+mod(289)=537s (step1=601s), 18348603 modular
multiplications: mul(116)+mod(136)=252s (step2=383s)

On 195Mhz SGI R10000: 39070093 modular multiplications:
mul(204)+mod(217)=421s (step1=484s), 18348603 modular
multiplications: mul(96)+mod(102)=197s (step2=389s)

On 500Mhz Alpha 21264: 39070093 modular multiplications:
mul(45)+mod(52)=97s (step1=117s), 18348603 modular
multiplications: mul(21)+mod(24)=45s (step2=101s)

Nice factors found so far

p49=7612068647760892587567279171698469451260170146501 M. Quercia

p48=552044274610152692854436856453869841728449076617 S. Wagstaff

p45=106124644646629262293671146508062271116589169 P. Leyland

p37=8745075387933004096394385246656921347 T. Granlund

p37b=1408323592065265621229603282020508687 T. Charron

p36=108418776698113814016172668034087889 P. Zimmermann

| factor | from | B_1 | g_1 | g_1/B_1 | x^e |
|--------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------|
| p49 | $6^{250} + 1$ c126 | 3,000,000 | 37,762,327 | 13 | x^1 |
| p48 | $6^{726} + 1$ c125 | 1,000,000 | $< 10^8$ | < 100 | x^1 |
| p45 | Cullen(423) c129 | 3,000,000 | 1795043 | 0.60 | x^1 |
| p37 | $10^{359} - 1$ c312 | 3,224,000 | 2,731,091,911 | 847 | x^5 |
| p37b | $3^{509} - 1$ c182 | 3,000,000 | 29,973,883,579 | 9991 | x^3 |
| p36 | $2^{2074} + 1$ c267 | 3,000,000 | 9,173,740,909 | 3058 | x^6 |

Comparison with other programs

Machine: 500Mhz Alpha 21264 leon5.medicis.polytechnique.fr

On 500Mhz Alpha 21264, 155 digits, $B_1 = 3,000,000$:

| | variant | B2 | time |
|----------------|---------|--------------|-------|
| Magma V2.4-6 | BP | ? | 614s |
| Pari/GP 2.0.14 | SC | $3.3e8$ | 1411s |
| GMP-ECM 4a | SC+Kara | $8e8 x^{30}$ | 218s |

Remark: for Pari/GP, extrapolated from $B_1 = 43000$ (64 curves performed at a time).

On 195Mhz R10000, 120 digits, $B_1 = 8,000,000$:

| | variant | B2 | time |
|------------|----------|----------------|-------|
| GMP-ECM 4a | SC+Kara | $2.6e9 x^{60}$ | 1020+ |
| ecmfft | B.P.+FFT | $2.7e10$ | 1824s |

On 450Mhz PC, $2^{727} - 1$ c219, $B_1 = 3,000,000$:

| | variant | B2 | time |
|------------|---------|--------------|------|
| GMP-ECM 4a | SC+Kara | $8e8 x^{30}$ | |
| mprime | SC | $3e8$ | 208s |

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