

# An improvement of the Hasse-Weil-Serre bound and construction of optimal curves of genus 3

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The Drinfeld-Vlăduț upper-bound shows that

$$N_q(g) \sim g(\sqrt{q} - 1).$$

It easy to see that inequality

$$N_q(g) \leq g([2\sqrt{q}]),$$

obtained via the Hasse-Weil-Serre bound is weaker. 

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Let  $q = p^a$  for a prime number  $p$  and  $m = \lfloor 2\sqrt{q} \rfloor$ . Then if  $a$  is odd,  $a \geq 3$  and  $p|m$  then

$$N_q(1) = q + 1 + m - 1,$$

while

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for all other cases.

The case of genus 2 curves was managed by J-P. Serre.

## Definition

The positive integer number  $q$  is called *special* if either  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  divides  $m = [2\sqrt{q}]$  or  $q$  is of the form  $a^2 + 1$ ,  $a^2 + a + 1$  or  $a^2 + a + 2$  for some integer  $a$ .



## Theorem

Let  $q = p^e$  and  $m = [2\sqrt{q}]$ . Then we have:

If  $e$  is even, then

- if  $q = 4$  then  $N_4(2) = 10 = q + 1 + 2m - 3$ ,
- if  $q = 9$  then  $N_9(2) = 20 = q + 1 + 2m - 2$ ,
- for all other  $q$  one has  $N_q(2) = q + 1 + 2m$ .

If  $e$  is odd then:

- if  $q$  is special and  $\{2\sqrt{q}\} \geq (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2$ , then  $N_q(2) = q + 1 + 2m - 1$ ,
- if  $q$  is special and  $\{2\sqrt{q}\} < (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2$ , then  $N_q(2) = q + 1 + 2m - 2$ ,
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where  $\{\cdot\}$  denotes the fractional part.

# Curves of genus 3

J. Top proved the following proposition by using the approach of K. O. Stöhr and J. F. Voloch.

If  $C$  is a curve of genus 3 over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and  $\#C(\mathbb{F}_q) > 2q + 6$ , then  $q \in \{8, 9\}$ . Moreover,  $C$  is isomorphic over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  either to the plane curve over  $\mathbb{F}_8$  given by

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + x^2z^2 + x^2yz + xy^2z + xyz^2 = 0,$$

with 24  $\mathbb{F}_8$ -rational points, or to the quartic Fermat curve

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 0$$

over  $\mathbb{F}_9$  with 28  $\mathbb{F}_9$ -rational points.

In the same article, J. Top gives a table of  $N_q(3)$  for all  $q < 100$ .

# Curves of genus 3

An alternative approach of finding the number  $N_q(g)$ , is due to J-P. Serre and it is based on the theory of hermitian modules. Using this approach K. Lauter obtains the following result.

## Theorem

*For every finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  there exists a curve  $C$  of genus  $g(C) = 3$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , such that,*

$$|\#C(\mathbb{F}_q) - (q + 1)| \geq 3m - 3.$$

In particular, we have that

$$N_q(3) \geq q + 1 + 3m - 3.$$

## Definition

If a curve  $H/\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  can be given by equation

$$y^q + y = x^{q+1}$$

then it is called **hermitian** curve.

## Theorem

*The genus of a hermitian curve is  $q(q-1)/2$  and the number of  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ -rational points is*

$$q^3 + 1 = q^2 + 1 + 2gq.$$

Next result on estimation of genus of maximal curves over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  is due to R. Fuhrmann, A. Garcia and H. Stichtenoth.

## Theorem

*If  $C/\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  is a maximal curve of genus  $g$  then  $g = q(q - 1)/2$  or  $g \leq (q - 1)^2/4$ .*

There was a conjecture that every maximal curve over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  is covered by a hermitian curve. M. Giulietti, G. Korchmaros have found a counter example (see paper "A new family of maximal curves over a finite field").

# Examples of maximal curves

The Klein quartic curve  $C/\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  is given by equation

$$x^3y + y^3z + xz^3 = 0.$$

The genus of the Klein curve is 3 and it has  $24 = 8 + 1 + 3[2\sqrt{8}]$  rational points.

(An example of a maximal curve over  $\mathbb{F}_{47}$  from my work.) A curve  $C/\mathbb{F}_{47}$ , which is given by the equation

$$z^4 - (20x^2 - 2x - 16)z^2 + (10x^2 - x - 8)^2 - x^3 - x - 38 = 0,$$

is a maximal curve of genus 3 with  $64 = 47 + 1 + 3[2\sqrt{47}]$  rational points.

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A curve  $C/\mathbb{F}_q$  is called **optimal** if

$$\#C(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 \pm g[2\sqrt{q}].$$

We have seen above that the Hasse-Weil-Serre bound can be improved by different methods if the genus of the curve is much larger than the cardinality of a finite field. However, if the genus of a curve is relatively small (compared to  $q$ ), in many cases this bound is the best possible. In general, the problem of improving the Hasse-Weil-Serre bound for low genera is very difficult.

# An improvement of the Hasse-Weil-Serre bound

## Theorem

Let  $C$  be a curve of genus  $g$  over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of characteristic  $p$ . Then we have that

$$|\#C(\mathbb{F}_q) - q - 1| \leq g[2\sqrt{q}] - 2,$$

if one of the lines of the conditions in the following table holds:

$d(\mathbb{F}_q)$	$q$	$g$
-3	$q \neq 3$	$3 \leq g \leq 10$
-4	$q \neq 2$	$3 \leq g \leq 10$
-7		$4 \leq g \leq 7$
-8	$p \neq 3$	$3 \leq g \leq 7$
-11	$p \neq 3, q < 10^4$	$g = 4$
-11	$p > 5$	$g = 5$
-19	$q < 10^4$	$g = 4$
-19	$q \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5}$	$g = 5$

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If  $C$  is an optimal curve of genus  $g$  over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , then by the Honda-Tate theory and the Defect Theory it follows that

$$\text{Jac}(C) \sim E^g \quad \text{over } \mathbb{F}_q,$$

where  $E$  is an optimal (maximal or minimal) elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . If the elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$  is an ordinary (and hence  $\text{Jac}(C)$  is an ordinary abelian variety), then one can describe optimal curves via an equivalence of categories.

# An Equivalence of Categories

Let  $m = [2\sqrt{q}]$ ,  $R = Z[X]/(X^2 - mX + q)$  and  $E$  is an optimal elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

$$\text{Ab}(m, q) = \{A/\mathbb{F}_q \mid A \text{ -- abelian variety, } A \sim E^g\}$$

$$\text{Mod}(R) = \{T \mid T \text{ is torsion free} \\ R \text{ -- module of finite type}\}$$

Functor:

$$T : \begin{cases} \text{Ab}(m, q) & \rightarrow & \text{Mod}(R) \\ A & \mapsto & T(A) = \text{Hom}(E, A) \end{cases}$$

inverse functor

$$T : \begin{cases} \text{Mod}(R) & \rightarrow & \text{Ab}(m, q) \\ T & \mapsto & E \otimes_R T \end{cases}$$

If  $\phi : A \rightarrow A^\vee$  is a polarization then it corresponds to  $R$ -hermitian form

$$h : T(A) \times T(A) \rightarrow R.$$

Moreover, if  $T(A)$  is a free  $R$ -module then degree of polarization  $\phi$  equals to  $\det(h)$ .

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there exists an isomorphism

$$\text{Jac}(C) \cong E^g \quad \text{over} \quad \mathbb{F}_q.$$

and  $(\text{Jac}(C), \Theta)$  corresponds to  $(\mathcal{O}_K^g, h)$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_K$  is the ring of integers in  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  and  $h : \mathcal{O}_K^g \times \mathcal{O}_K^g \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K$  is  $\mathcal{O}_K$ -hermitian form.

The classification of such hermitian modules was done by A. Schiemann.

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For finite characteristic, P. Roquette proved

$$\#\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(C) \leq 84(g-1)$$

under the conditions that  $g \geq 2$ ,  $p > g + 1$  and the curve  $C$  is not given by an equation of the form  $y^2 = x^p - x$ . The upper bound for small  $p$  (i.e.  $p \leq 2g + 1$ ) was obtained by B. Singh

$$\#\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(C) \leq \frac{4pg^2}{p-1} \left( \frac{2g}{p-1} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{4pg^2}{(p-1)^2} + 1 \right).$$

Using Torelli's theorem we obtain upper bounds on the number of automorphisms of irreducible unimodular hermitian modules  $(\mathcal{O}_K^g, h)$ . For example,

$$\#\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^g, h) \leq \begin{cases} 84(g(C) - 1) & C \text{ is hyperelliptic,} \\ 168(g(C) - 1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

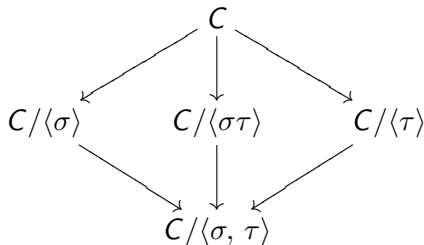
**Let**  $d(\mathbb{F}_q) = -7$  **and**  $g = 4$  then  $\#\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_K^4, h) = 2^7 \cdot 3^2$ .

If we assume that there exists an optimal curve of genus 4. Then we study an automorphism group of the optimal curve.

Let  $\tau$  be an involution from the center of Sylow 2-subgroup of  $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(C)$ . Then  $C/\langle\tau\rangle \not\cong E$ , since  $\#\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(C/\langle\tau\rangle) > 2$  and  $\text{Aut}(E) = \{\pm 1\}$ . On the other hand there is a projection  $f_k$  of degree 2 and hence there exists an involution  $\sigma$  such that  $C/\langle\sigma\rangle \cong E$ .

# Discriminants

Then  $\langle \sigma, \tau \rangle \cong \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$  and we have the following diagram of coverings of degree 2



Moreover, we have the following isogeny

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Jac}(C) \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle \sigma, \tau \rangle)^2 &\sim \\ &\sim \text{Jac}(C/\langle \sigma \rangle) \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle \sigma\tau \rangle) \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle \tau \rangle). \end{aligned}$$

According to Hurwitz's formula and non-existence of optimal curve of genus 2 we have that on hand the isogeny

$$E^4 \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle\sigma, \tau\rangle) \sim E \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle\sigma\rangle) \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle\tau\rangle)$$

and on the other hand

$$\dim(E^4 \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle\sigma, \tau\rangle)) \geq 4,$$

$$\dim(E \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle\sigma\rangle) \times \text{Jac}(C/\langle\tau\rangle)) \leq 3.$$

Therefore there is no optimal curve of genus 4 over finite field with the discriminant  $-7$ .



## Equations of Optimal Curves of Genus 3 over Finite Fields with Discriminant $-19, -43, -67, -163$

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# Projections and Automorphism groups

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## Example

if

$$h := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & \frac{-3+\sqrt{-19}}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{-3-\sqrt{-19}}{2} & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & \frac{-3+\sqrt{-19}}{2} \\ \frac{-3-\sqrt{-19}}{2} & 3 \end{pmatrix} = 2.$$

Therefore there is a degree two map  $C \rightarrow E$ .

# Hermitian forms

## Discriminant and Hermitain Form

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & \frac{3-\sqrt{-43}}{2} & \frac{3+\sqrt{-43}}{2} \\ \frac{3+\sqrt{-43}}{2} & 5 & \frac{-5+\sqrt{-43}}{2} \\ \frac{3-\sqrt{-43}}{2} & \frac{-5-\sqrt{-43}}{2} & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d = -67$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & \frac{-3-\sqrt{-67}}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{-3+\sqrt{-67}}{2} & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d = -163$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & \frac{-1+\sqrt{-163}}{2} \\ 1 & 2 & \frac{1+\sqrt{-163}}{2} \\ \frac{-1-\sqrt{-163}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{-163}}{2} & 28 \end{pmatrix}$$

All hermitian modules above have an automorphism group of order 12.

## Theorem

*If the discriminant  $d(\mathbb{F}_q) \in \{-19, -43, -67, -163\}$  then there is an optimal curve  $C$  of genus 3 over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  such that a polarization of its Jacobian corresponds to one of hermitian form above and*

- *the curve  $C$  is a double covering of a maximal or minimal elliptic curve, respectively,*
- *the  $C$  is non-hyperelliptic,*
- *the Hermitian modules can not correspond to maximal and minimal curves simultaneously,*
- *the automorphism group of curve  $C$  is isomorphic to the dihedral group of order 6.*

Although we know that an optimal curve exists but we do not know whether it is maximal or minimal (it depends not only on polarization of Jacobian but also on a finite field). A recent result of Christophe Ritzenthaler in "Explicit computations of Serre's obstruction for genus 3 curves and application to optimal curves" can be used to detect which type of curve exists for each  $q$ .

# Equations of Optimal Curves of Genus 3

## Theorem

Let  $C$  be an optimal curve over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Then  $C$  can be given by a system of equations of the following forms:

$$\begin{cases} z^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1x + \alpha_2x^2 + \beta_0y, \\ y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \end{cases}$$

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with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and the equation  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  corresponding to an optimal elliptic curve.

Let  $C$  be an optimal curve of genus 3 over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and let  $f : C \rightarrow E$  be a double covering of  $C$  with the equation  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ . Set

$D = f^{-1}(\infty') = \sum_{P|\infty'} e(P|\infty') \cdot P \in \text{Div}(C)$ , where  $\infty' \in E$  lies over  $\infty \in \mathbb{P}^1$  by the action  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $\deg D = 2$ .

By Riemann-Roch Theorem

$$\dim D = \deg D + 1 - g + \dim(W - D) = \dim(W - D),$$

where  $W$  is a canonical divisor of the curve  $C$ . Consequently,  $D$  is equivalent to the positive divisor  $W - D_1$ , where  $\deg D_1 = 2$ . Conclude  $\dim D = \dim(W - D) < \dim W = 3$ . Taking into account that  $C$  is a non-hyperelliptic curve and  $\deg D = 2$ , we conclude  $\dim D = 1$ .



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 $Q_1 = Q_2 = Q \in C(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q)$ .

Here we consider only the third one.

In order to manage this case we prove that the elements  $1, x, z, y, x^2, z^2, xy, xz$  are linearly dependent over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . As a corollary of this fact we obtain the equation of the second type.

In this case the functions  $x \in L(2D)$ ,  $y \in L(3D)$  have pole divisors  $(x)_\infty = 4Q$ ,  $(y)_\infty = 6Q$ , and there is a function  $z \in L(2D + Q)$  such that  $(z)_\infty = 5Q$ .

The element  $z$  is an integral element over  $\mathbb{F}_q[x, y]$ . Indeed, either

$$1, x, z, y, x^2, z^2, xy, xz \in L(10D)$$

or

$$1, x, y, z, x^2, zx, xy, z^2, zy, x^3, zx^2, xyz, z^3 \in L(15Q)$$

are linearly dependent and in both cases we have relations with nonzero leading coefficients at highest power in  $z$ . This yields that  $z$  is integral over  $\mathbb{F}_q[x, y]$ .

It is clear that  $z \notin \mathbb{F}_q(x, y)$  (otherwise 2 divides  $v_Q(z) = 5$ ).

The minimal polynomial of  $z$  has degree 2 and coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x, y]$ , since the degree of extension  $[\mathbb{F}_q(C) : \mathbb{F}_q(x, y)]$  is 2.

Therefore we have that

$$z^2 + \sum_{i \geq 0} a_i zy x^i + \sum_{j \geq 0} b_j zx^j + \sum_{l \geq 0} c_l x^l + \sum_{s \geq 0} d_s y x^s = 0,$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 + c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + d_0y + b_0z + b_1zx + d_1xy &= \\ &= -z(b_2x^2 + \dots) + zy(a_0 + a_1x + \dots) + \\ &\quad + (c_4x^4 + \dots) + y(d_2x^2 + \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we have

- $v_Q(zx^i) = -5 - 4i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$
- $v_Q(zyx^j) = -5 - 6 - 4i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$
- $v_Q(x^l) = -4l \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$
- $v_Q(yx^i) = -6 - 4i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

If the right part of the equation above is non-zero, then we can apply the strict triangle inequality. As a consequence we get that on the one hand

$$v_Q(z^2 + c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + d_0y + b_0z + b_1zx + d_1xy) \leq -11$$

and on the other hand

$$v_Q(z^2 + c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + d_0y + b_0z + b_1zx + d_1xy) \geq -10.$$

Therefore the right part of the equation above is zero, i. e. the elements  $1, x, z, y, x^2, z^2, xy, xz$  are linearly dependent.

# Examples of Maximal and Minimal Curves

Here we use the following abbreviations:

we write  $[a, b]$  instead of  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ ,

and  $(A, B, C, D)$  instead of  $z^2 = Ax^2 + Bx + C + Dy$ .

# Discriminant is $-19$

$q$	Maximal curve	Minimal curve
47	[1, 38], (10, 46, 39, 1)	-
61	[6, 29], (1, 54, 38, 3)	-
137	[1, 36], (3, 95, 92, 10)	-
277	[2, 61], (1, 33, 212, 5)	-
311	[18, 308], (11, 222, 32, 65)	-
347	-	[174, 12], (2, 310, 219, 94)
467	[2, 361], (2, 38, 242, 159)	-
557	-	$4y^2 = x^3 + 2x + 151$ , (5, 322, 439, 122)



# Discriminant is $-43$

$q$	Maximal curve	Minimal curve
167		$[5, 41],$ $(1, 128, 27, 58)$
193		$[10, 39],$ $(1, 28, 5, 93)$
251	$[1, 243],$ $(1, 74, 184, 5)$	
317	$[5, 86],$ $(1, 246, 164, 24)$	
431	$[1, 296],$ $(1, 44, 317, 185)$	
563		$[2, 200],$ $(1, 24, 383, 99)$

# Discriminant is $-67$

$q$	Maximal curve	Minimal curve
359		$[1, 172],$ $(7, 25, 158, 123)$
397	$[3, 130],$ $(1, 70, 125, 154)$	
479		$[1, 351],$ $(1, 148, 195, 135)$
523		$[1, 112],$ $(1, 115, 76, 102)$

## Another approach

Since we are working with ordinary abelian variety, we can use Deligne's description of ordinary abelian varieties. So we can lift a maximal or minimal curve to complex field with endomorphism ring. The classification of Riemann surfaces along with its automorphism group provides that an equation of a lifted curve is  $a(x^4 + y^4 + 1) + b(x^3y + xy^3 + x^3 + y^3 + x + y) + c(x^2y^2 + x^2 + y^2) = 0$

However the reduction of this can give us not the desirable but its twist over  $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$ , therefore if a reduced curve is not optimal we shall check all twisted curves.

Now, we can search a curve over a finite field using this equation.

### Example

A minimal curve  $C$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{997}$  is given by equation

$$306(x^4 + y^4 + 1) + 589(x^3y + xy^3 + x^3 + y^3 + x + y) + (x^2y^2 + x^2 + y^2) = 0,$$

$$\#C(\mathbb{F}_{997}) = 809$$

Thank you for your attention!