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# COMPUTING THE NUMBER OF POINTS ON GENUS 3 HYPERELLIPTIC CURVES OF TYPE $Y^2 = X^7 + aX$ OVER FINITE PRIME FIELDS<sup>†</sup>

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we present an algorithm for computing the number of points on the Jacobian varieties of genus 3 hyperelliptic curves of type  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$  over finite prime fields. The problem of determining the group order of the Jacobian varieties of algebraic curves defined over finite fields is important not only arithmetic geometry but also curve-based cryptosystems in order to find a secure curve. Based on this, we provide the explicit formula of the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius endomorphism of the Jacobian variety of hyperelliptic curve  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$ over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p \equiv 1$  modulo 12. Moreover, we also introduce some implementation results by using our algorithm.

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## 1. Introduction

In recent years, computing the number of points on algebraic curves over finite fields is an important task for public key cryptography. In order to generate curves suitable for cryptosystems, we must determine the order of Jacobian of a curve over a finite field. It is required that the order of Jacobian is a prime or a small cofactor times a prime.

For elliptic curves, Schoof gave a polynomial time algorithm [7] and there are its improved algorithm for the time and space complexity [1, 5, 12]. Gaudry and Harley extended its algorithm to genus 2 curve [4]. For higher genus curves, there are several efficient counting points algorithms of Jacobian varieties [13, 14, 15]. In [9], authors suggest a fast point counting algorithm for genus 2 hyperelliptic curves of type  $y^2 = x^5 + ax$  over finite prime fields. Also, there are many efficient

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algorithms for algebraic varieties over finite fields of small characteristic, which is so called *p*-adic method [16, 17, 18]. Our approach follows *l*-adic method which is more useful for algebraic curve over large field characteristic.

In this paper, we provide an algorithm for computing the orders of the Jacobians on genus 3 hyperelliptic curves of type  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$  over finite prime fields. In particular, by using baby-step giant-step algorithm, we determine the order of the Jacobian of a curve defined over finite prime field with characteristic greater than the 54-bit. We also provide the explicit formula of the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius endomorphism of the Jacobian of the hyperelliptic curves  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p \equiv 1$  modulo 12. Furthermore, we present additional computational results using our algorithm.

### 2. Basic Facts on Hyperelliptic Curves

Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field of  $q = p^n$  elements, where p is an odd prime. The hyperelliptic curve C of genus g over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is given by

$$C : y^2 = f(x),$$

where f(x) is a polynomial in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$  of degree 2g + 1 without singular points. We denote the Jacobian variety of a hyperelliptic curve C by  $J_C$ . Then,  $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is the group of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational points on  $J_C$ . A semi-reduced divisor is a divisor with k points and no two points in the opposite side. A reduced divisor is a semi-reduced divisor of  $k \leq g$ .

In [11], every semi-reduced divisor on  $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$  can be uniquely represented by a pair of polynomials  $\langle u(x), v(x) \rangle$ , where  $u(x) = \prod_i (x - x_i)$  is monic and v(x) is unique polynomial such that deg  $v(x) < \deg u(x), v(x_P) = y_P$  for all  $P = (x_P, y_P) \in C(\mathbb{F}_q)$  and u(x) divides  $f(x) - v(x)^2$ .  $\langle 1, 0 \rangle$  is the identity element of the addition law. Cantor's algorithm can be used to compute the sum of two reduced divisors in  $J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

We consider the hyperelliptic curves of genus 3 defined over finite fields  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . The characteristic polynomial  $\chi_q(t)$  of the q-th power Frobenius endomorphism of  $J_C$  is given as follows:

$$\chi_q(t) = t^6 - s_1 t^5 + s_2 t^4 - s_3 t^3 + q s_2 t^2 - q^2 s_1 t + q^3,$$

where  $s_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We also know that  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_q) = \chi_q(1)$ . i.e.,

$$\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_q) = 1 + q^3 - s_1(1+q^2) + s_2(1+q) - s_3.$$
(1)

Let  $M_r = (q^r + 1) - N_r$ , where  $N_r$  is the number of  $\mathbb{F}_{q^r}$ -rational points on C for r = 1, 2, 3. Then, we have

$$s_1 = M_1, \ s_2 = \frac{1}{2}(M_1^2 - M_2), \ \text{and} \ s_3 = \frac{1}{3}(M_3 - \frac{3}{2}M_2M_1 + \frac{1}{2}M_1^3)$$
 (2)

The following is a well-known inequality, the Hasse-Weil bound, that bounds  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$ :

$$\left\lceil (\sqrt{q}-1)^6 \right\rceil \le \sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_q) \le \lfloor (\sqrt{q}+1)^6 \rfloor.$$

Then, we have

$$|s_1| \le 6\sqrt{q}, \ |s_2| \le 15q, \ |s_3| \le 20q\sqrt{q}.$$
 (3)

S. Haloui [19] presented the efficient bounds of the coefficients of characteristic polynomial of genus 3 abelian varieties over finite fields.

**Theorem 2.1** ([19]). Let  $\chi(t) = t^6 - s_1t^5 + s_2t^4 - s_3t^3 + qs_2t^2 - q^2s_1t + q^3$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients. Then  $\chi(t)$  is a Weil polynomial if and only if the following conditions hold

 $\begin{array}{ll} (1) & |s_1| \leq 6\sqrt{q}, \\ (2) & 4\sqrt{q}|s_1| - 9q \leq s_2 \leq \frac{s_1^2}{3} + 3q, \\ (3) & -\frac{2s_1^3}{27} + \frac{s_1s_2}{3} + qs_1 - \frac{2}{27}(s_1^2 - 3s_2 + 9q)^{3/2} \leq s_3 \leq -\frac{2s_1^3}{27} + \frac{s_1s_2}{3} + qs_1 + \\ & \frac{2}{27}(s_1^2 - 3s_2 + 9q)^{3/2}, \\ (4) & -2qs_1 - 2\sqrt{q}s_2 - 2q\sqrt{q} \leq s_3 \leq -2qs_1 + 2\sqrt{q}s_2 + 2q\sqrt{q}. \end{array}$ 

# 3. Hasse-Witt matrix

In this section, we recall the definition of the Hasse-Witt matrix in the case of hyperelliptic curves. It is a useful tool to compute the modulo characteristic p of  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ . Yui's made the following theorem [6].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $y^2 = f(x)$  with deg f = 2g+1 be the equation of a genus g hyperelliptic curve. Denote by  $c_i$  the coefficient of  $x^i$  in the polynomial  $f(x)^{(p-1)/2}$ . Then the Hasse-Witt matrix is given by

$$H = (c_{ip-j})_{1 \le i,j \le g}.$$

In [8], Manin showed that this matrix is related to the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius endomorphism modulo p. For a matrix  $H = (a_{ij})$ , let  $H^{(p)}$  denote the elements raised to the power p, i.e.,  $(a_{ij}^p)$ . Then, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let C be a curve of genus g defined over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ . Let H be the Hasse-Witt matrix of C and let  $H_{\pi} = H \cdot H^p \cdot H^{p^2} \cdots H^{p^{n-1}}$ . Let  $\kappa(t)$  be the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $H_{\pi}$  and  $\chi(t)$  the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius endomorphism of the Jacobian of C. Then,

$$\chi(t) \equiv (-1)^g t^g \kappa(t) \pmod{p}.$$

# 4. The Characteristic Polynomial of C

In this section, we present the explicit formula of the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius endomorphism on hyperelliptic curves of type  $C: y^2 = x^7 + ax$  over finite fields  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ , and show how to efficiently compute the Hasse-Witt matrix of C. The below theorem is a tool used to compute the Hasse-Witt matrix of C.

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**Corollary 4.1** ([3]). If  $p = 12f + 1 = A^2 + B^2$  ( $A \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ),  $B \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ) is prime then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6f \\ f \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{cases} \binom{6f}{3f} & (mod \ p) \ if \ B \equiv 0 \ (mod \ 3), \\ -\binom{6f}{3f} & (mod \ p) \ if \ A \equiv 0 \ (mod \ 3). \end{cases}$$

Proof. See Corollary 4.2.2 in [3].

**Theorem 4.2** ([3]). Let  $p = 12f + 1 = A^2 + B^2 = x^2 + 3y^2$  be a prime with  $A \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Then we have the following congruences modulo p:

$$\binom{6f}{f} \equiv 2\theta^2 A,$$

where

$$\theta^2 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \equiv 1,2 \pmod{3}, \ B \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ B^2/A^2 & \text{if } A \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \ B \equiv 1,2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* See Theorem 15.1 in [3].

**Theorem 4.3.** Let C be a hyperelliptic curve defined by the equation  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$ over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$  such that  $p = A^2 + B^2$  ( $A \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ),  $B \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ) and  $\chi(t)$  the characteristic polynomial of the p-th power Frobenius endomorphism of C. Then  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$  and  $s_3$  in  $\chi(t)$  are given as follows:

1. if 
$$A \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$$
 and  $B \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then  
 $s_1 \equiv 2Aa^{(p-1)/12}(a^{(p-1)/3} + a^{(p-1)/6} + 1) \pmod{p},$   
 $s_2 \equiv 4A^2a^{(p-1)/3}(a^{(p-1)/3} + a^{(p-1)/6} + 1) \pmod{p},$   
 $s_3 \equiv 8A^3a^{(9p-9)/12} \pmod{p}.$ 

2. if  $A \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $B \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ , then

$$s_{1} \equiv 2\frac{B^{2}}{A}a^{(p-1)/12}(a^{(p-1)/3} - a^{(p-1)/6} + 1) \pmod{p},$$
  

$$s_{2} \equiv 4\frac{B^{4}}{A^{2}}a^{(p-1)/3}(a^{(p-1)/3} - a^{(p-1)/6} - 1) \pmod{p},$$
  

$$s_{3} \equiv -8\frac{B^{6}}{A^{3}}a^{(9p-9)/12} \pmod{p}.$$

*Proof.* First, we compute the entities  $c_{ip-j}$  of the Hasse-Witt matrix H of the curve C. From Theorem 3.1, the entities  $c_{ip-j}$  are computed by an integer  $k, 0 \leq k \leq (p-1)/2$ , for ip-j = p-1+3k from  $(x^7 + ax)^{(p-1)/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} {\binom{p-1}{2}} a^{(p-1)/2-k} x^{(p-1)/2+6k}$ . Since the characteristic p with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ , the Hasse-Witt matrix is

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} c_{p-1} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & c_{2p-2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & c_{3p-3} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (4)

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Then we have that  $c_{p-1} = {\binom{p-1}{2}}{\binom{p-1}{12}} a^{(5p-5)/12}$ ,  $c_{2p-2} = {\binom{p-1}{2}}{\binom{3p-3}{12}} a^{(3p-3)/12}$ , and  $c_{3p-3} = {\binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{5p-5}{12}}} a^{(p-1)/12}$ . On the other hand, the each  $s_i$  of  $\chi(t)$  has the following congruence modulo p;

$$s_1 \equiv c_{p-1} + c_{2p-2} + c_{3p-3} \pmod{p},$$
  

$$s_2 \equiv c_{p-1}c_{2p-2} + c_{2p-2}c_{3p-3} + c_{p-1}c_{3p-3} \pmod{p},$$
  

$$s_3 \equiv c_{p-1}c_{2p-2}c_{3p-3} \pmod{p}.$$

Let p = 12f + 1 be a prime. Then, since (p-1)/2 + 6k = p - 1 for  $c_{p-1}$ , we have k = (p-1)/12 = f and  $c_{p-1} = \binom{6f}{f}a^{5f}$ . For  $c_{2p-2}$ , since (p-1)/2 + 6k = 2p - 2, we have k = (3p-3)/12 = 3f and  $c_{2p-2} = \binom{6f}{3f}a^{3f}$ . For  $c_{3p-3}$ , since (p-1)/2 + 6k = 3p - 3, we have k = (5p-5)/12 = 5f and  $c_{3p-3} = \binom{6f}{5f}a^{5f}$ . Hence, since  $\binom{6f}{5f} = \binom{6f}{f}$ , Theorem 4.2 and Corollary 4.1, we have the congruence values modulo p for  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$  and  $s_3$ .

The equation of given curve gives us to some information about  $2^k$ -torsion subgroups of the Jacobian variety.

**Lemma 4.4.** Let p be a prime number such that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$  and C:  $y^2 = f(x)$  be a hyperelliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  where  $f(x) = x^7 + ax$ . If f(x) splits completely over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  (i.e., $a^{(p-1)/6} = 1$ ), then 64 divide  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ . If f(x) splits into four factors over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  (i.e.,  $a^{(p-1)/3} = 1$ ), then 8 divide  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ . Otherwise, if f(x) splits into two factors of degree 3 and a factor of degree 1, or into two factors of degree 6 and 1, then 2 divide  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .

*Proof.* Since 12 divide p-1, there are exists a primitive 12-th root of unity,  $\zeta_{12}$ , in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . The points on C with vanishing y-coordinates correspond to  $(1-\zeta_{12})$ -torsion points of the Jacobian. If f(x) splits completely over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  (i.e.,  $a^{(p-1)/6} = 1$ ), then  $J_C[1-\zeta_{12}]$  is defined over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Hence,  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^6$  is a subgroup in  $J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and 64 divide  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ . Moreover precisely, in this case, there exists an element  $b \in \mathbb{F}_p$  such that  $a = b^6$ . Then we have

$$y^{2} = x^{7} + ax = x(x^{6} + b^{6})$$
  
=  $x(x - \zeta_{12}^{3}b)(x + \zeta_{12}^{3}b)(x - \zeta_{12}^{5}b)(x + \zeta_{12}^{5}b)(x - \zeta_{12}^{7}b)(x + \zeta_{12}^{7}b).$ 

If f(x) splits four factors over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  (i.e.,  $a^{(p-1)/3} = 1$ ), then the three  $(1 - \zeta_{12})$ torsion points arising from the roots of f(x) are linearly independent. Hence  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^3 \leq J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and 8 divides  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ . Moreover, in this case, there exists an element  $b \in \mathbb{F}_p$  such that  $a = b^3$ . Then we have

$$y^2 = x^7 + ax = x(x^6 + b^3) = x(x^2 + b)(x^2 + \zeta_{12}^5 b)(x^2 + \zeta_{12}^9 b).$$

Otherwise,  $J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$  contains one non-trivial  $(1-\zeta_{12})$ -torsion point. Moreover, in this case, there exists an element  $b \in \mathbb{F}_p$  such that  $a = b^2$ . Then we have that

$$y^{2} = x^{7} + ax = x(x^{6} + b^{2}) = x(x^{3} + b)(x^{3} - b), \text{ and } y^{2} = x(x^{6} + a).$$

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Throughout this paper, we consider the case of the prime  $p = A^2 + B^2$  with  $A \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $B \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let C be a hyperelliptic curve of the form  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$  defined over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ ,  $p = A^2 + B^2$ . Then the characteristic polynomial  $\chi(t)$  is as follows:

1. If  $a^{(p-1)/12} = 1$ , then  $\chi(t) = (t^2 - 2At + p)^3$ .

2. If  $a^{(p-1)/12} = -1$  and  $\chi(t) = (t^2 + 2At + p)^3$ .

where  $A \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $B \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

3. If 
$$a^{(p-1)/12} = 1$$
, then  $\chi(t) = (t^2 - 2\frac{B^2}{A}t + p)(t^2 + 2\frac{B^2}{A}t + p)^2$ .  
4. If  $a^{(p-1)/12} = -1$ , then  $\chi(t) = (t^2 + 2\frac{B^2}{A}t + p)(t^2 - 2\frac{B^2}{A}t + p)^2$ .

where  $A \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $B \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ .

*Proof.* For the case (1), from  $a^{(p-1)/12} = 1$  and Theorem 4.3, we have  $s_1 \equiv 6A \pmod{p}$ ,  $s_2 \equiv 12A^2 \pmod{p}$ , and  $s_3 \equiv 8A^3 \pmod{p}$ . By the Definition of A,  $A^2 < p$  and hence  $0 < |6A| < 6\sqrt{p}$ . If p > 37, then  $s_1$  is uniquely determined by Hasse-Witt matrix. Hence we have that  $s_1 = 6A$ .

Denote  $s_2 = mp + 12A^2$  for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $0 < 12A^2 < 12p$  and  $\lceil 4\sqrt{p}|s_1| - 9p \rceil \le s_2 \le \lfloor s_1^2/3 + 3p \rfloor$ , m is satisfied in  $-9 \le m \le 3$ . Now we determine the value m. We know that  $\chi(t)$  splits into three factors  $h_i(x)$  of degree 2, for i = 1, 2, 3. In particular, let  $\pi_i$  be a complex roots of  $\chi(t)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[t]$  for i = 1, 2, 3, and  $\overline{\pi_i}$  its complex conjugate. We denote  $\lambda_i = \pi_i + \overline{\pi_i}$  for i = 1, 2, 3. Then we have that  $s_1 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3, s_2 = 3p + \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + \lambda_3\lambda_1$ , and  $s_3 = 2ps_1 + \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3$ . Since  $\lambda_i < 2\sqrt{p}$  and  $A < \sqrt{p}$ , we thus have m = 3.

We denote  $s_3 = \tilde{m}p + 8A^3$  for  $\tilde{m} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\prod \lambda_i < 8p\sqrt{p}$ , we have m' = 12A. Then the characteristic polynomial  $\chi(t)$  is

$$\chi(t) = t^6 - 6At^5 + (12A^2 + 3p)t^4 - (12Ap + 8A^3)t^3 + p(3p + 12A^2)t^2 - p^2(6A)t + p^3,$$
  
=  $(t^2 - 2At + p)^3.$ 

For the case (3), we have that  $s_1 \equiv 2B^2/A \pmod{p}$ ,  $s_2 = -4B^4/A^2 \pmod{p}$ , and  $s_3 \equiv -8B^6/A^3 \pmod{p}$ . Following as the above way, the characteristic polynomial  $\chi(t)$  is

$$\begin{split} \chi(t) &= t^6 + 2\frac{B^2}{A}t^5 + (3p - 4\frac{B^4}{A^2})t^4 + (4p\frac{B^2}{A} - 8\frac{B^6}{A^3})t^3 + p(3p - 4\frac{B^4}{A^2})t^2 - 2p^2\frac{B^2}{A}t - p^3 \\ &= (t^2 - 2\frac{B^2}{A}t + p)(t^2 - \frac{B^2}{A}t + p)^2. \end{split}$$

For the case (2),(4), we can derive the  $\chi(t)$  in the same way.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let C be a hyperelliptic curve of the form  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$  defined over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . If  $a^{(p-1)/6} = -1$  (i.e.,  $a^{(p-1)/3} = 1$ ) and  $A \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $B \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then the characteristic polynomial  $\chi(t)$  has the form of the following as

$$\chi(t) = t^6 - c_1 t^5 + c_2 t^4 - c_3 t^3 + p c_2 t^2 - p^2 c_1 t + p^3.$$

where  $c_1$  is  $2Aa^{(p-1)/12}$  or  $-p + 2Aa^{(p-1)/12}$ ,  $c_2 = mp + 4A^2$  for  $-1 \le m \le 2$ , and  $c_3$  is an integer with  $c_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  for  $|c_3| \le 20p\sqrt{p}$ .

*Proof.* From  $a^{(p-1)/6} = -1$  and Theorem 4.3, we have that  $s_1 \equiv 2Aa^{(p-1)/12}$ (mod p),  $s_2 \equiv 4A^2 \pmod{p}$  and  $s_3 \equiv 8A^3a^{9(p-1)/12} \pmod{p}$ . Since Hasse-Weil bound of  $s_1$  and  $A < \sqrt{p}$ , the coefficient  $s_1$  only have  $2Aa^{(p-1)/12}$  or  $-p + 2Aa^{(p-1)/12}$ .

Let  $s_2 = mp + 4A^2$  for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . From the sharp bound of  $s_2$  in Theorem 2.1,  $-1 \leq m \leq 2$ . For  $s_3 = m'p + 8A^3a^{9(p-1)/12}$ ,  $m' \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $s_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ since  $s_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** Let C be a hyperelliptic curve of the form  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$  defined over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ . Assume that  $A \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $A \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ . If  $a^{(p-1)/3} \neq 1$  and f(x) splits three factors, then the  $\chi(t)$  has the following form

$$\chi(t) = t^6 - c_3 t^3 + p^3.$$

where  $c_3$  is an integer for  $|c_3| \leq 2p\sqrt{p}$  and  $c_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

*Proof.* In this case, the prime satisfies  $p = A^2 + B^2$  where  $A \equiv 1, 5 \pmod{12}$ and  $B \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ . We have  $a^{(p-1)/3} + a^{(p-1)/6} + 1 = 0$ . Then  $s_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and  $N_1 = \#C(\mathbb{F}_p) = p + 1$ . Hence  $s_1 = 0$ . Since  $N_2 = \#C(\mathbb{F}_{p^2}) = p^2 + 1$ , we have  $s_2 = 0$ .

For the value  $s_3$ , we denote  $s_3 = mp + 8A^3a^{9(p-1)/12}$ . From the bounds of  $s_3$  in theorem 2.1, we have  $|m| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$ . Since  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,

$$\chi(1) = 1 + p^3 - c_3 \equiv 0 - c_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

Then we have  $c_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  for  $|c_3| \leq [2p\sqrt{p}]$  from Theorem 2.1 . Hence we have conclusion.

### 5. Implementation details

**5.1. BSGS algorithm.** Now, we show how to determine the order of the Jacobian of a hyperelliptic curve using the BSGS algorithm. We denote by  $L_i$   $(U_i)$  the lower (upper) bound of  $s_i$  for i = 1, 2, 3 in (3). According to Theorem 3.2, we denote that for i = 1, 2, 3

$$s_i = s'_i + t_i p, \tag{2}$$

with  $s'_i, t_i \in \mathbb{Z}$   $(0 \le s'_i < p)$ . Then each  $t_i$  is bounded by

$$\lfloor L_i/p \rfloor \le t_i \le \lfloor U_i/p \rfloor.$$

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We substitute (2) into (1) and denote  $M = 1 + p^3 - s'_1(1 + p^2) + s'_2(1 + p) - s'_3$ . Then, the order of the Jacobian follows the equation

$$\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p) = M - t_1 p(1+p^2) + t_2 p(1+p) - t_3 p.$$
(3)

We should determine the values  $(t_1, t_2, t_3)$  in order to get  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$ . Assume that N is a positive integer (to be specified). Let u and v be integers such that

$$a_3 = u + vN, \ 0 \le u < N.$$
 (4)

Then, the boundary for v is

$$\lceil L_3/pN \rceil \le v \le \lfloor U_3/pN \rfloor.$$

By substituting (4) into (3), we have

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$$\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p) = M - t_1 p(1+p^2) + t_2 p(1+p) - up - vNp$$

Hence,  $\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$  can be computed by finding the 4-tuple  $(t_1, t_2, u, v)$  such that

$$(M - t_1 p(1 + p^2) + t_2 p(1 + p) - up)D = (vNp)D,$$
(5)

for all  $D \in J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$  for the above each ranges. We search for a collision between the lhs and the rhs of (5) in the corresponding ranges. Moreover, we choose

$$N = \sqrt{2^3 U_1 U_2 U_3 / p^3}$$

Thus the algorithm require the computation of O(N) point multiples.

**5.2. Speeding up algorithm.** In this section, we discuss the some technique to speed up the algorithm during its implementation. First, we use the Cornacchia's algorithm in order to compute the coefficients  $s'_i$  in (2) (see [10]). Then we can be easily calculated the binomial coefficients. Moreover, since  $|s_1| \leq 6\sqrt{p}$ , if p > 37, then  $s_1$  is uniquely determined by sum of  $c_{p-1}$ ,  $c_{2p-2}$  and  $c_{3p-3}$ .

In [2], Gonda et. al. provide the efficient arithmetic on Jacobian of genus 3 hyperelliptic curves over a finite field. Using this method, the addition operation in a Jacobian can be computed by performing 70 multiplications and 1 inversions and 113 additions. The doubling can be obtained as 71 multiplications, 1 inversion and 107 additions.

In (5) of section 5.1, the precomputation of p and the addition of a divisor pN times are needed, and an double-and-add method is used for these operations. When we search for a collision between them, the same divisors are repeatedly computed. So, we store them at first and subsequently execute the comparison test. Two divisors identical and therefore, their chord are the same. Hence, we can limit the boundary to  $0 \le k \le \lfloor U_3/N \rfloor$  and then avoid the computation for the inversion of a divisor.

Now, we consider an efficient value N for the case of Theorem 4.7. We let  $c_3 = u + vN$  with  $0 \le u < N$  and  $|v| \le (2\sqrt{p})/N$ . For the v, there are  $4\sqrt{p}/N$  choices, and for u there are N choices. We also set the N as  $N = \sqrt{2\sqrt{p}}$ . In (2) of Theorem 4.6, the  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are easily determined. We similarly set the N as  $N = \sqrt{20\sqrt{p}}$ . Therefore, the expected running time of our algorithm is  $O(p^{\frac{1}{4}})$ .

#### 6. Computational results

In this section, we present our experimental results. We implemented our algorithm on a Pentium 2.13 GHz computer with less than 2 GB memory using Shoup's NTL library.

**Example 6.1.** Let p = 12970096625951449 be a 54-bit prime and let curve C over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  be defined by

$$C : y^2 = x^7 + 12345601677x.$$

We compute the group order of the Jacobian:

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The number of the Jacobian is of 160 bits and the total time is 1882 s.

**Example 6.2.** Let p = 26144785074025909 be a 55-bit prime and let C be the curve defined by  $C : y^2 = x^7 + 4857394849x$ . The group order of the Jacobian is given by:

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The number of the Jacobian is of 163 bits and the total time is 259 s.

Table 1 has the implementation results for Jacobians with a quasiprime factor greater than 160 bits.

## 7. Conclusions

In this paper, we have presented an algorithm for computing the orders of the Jacobian varieties of genus 3 hyperelliptic curves defined by  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$  over a finite prime field. By using the baby-step giant-step method, we determined the order of the Jacobian of a curve defined over a finite prime field bigger than 55 bit. Moreover, we also provided the explicit formula of the characteristic polynomial of the Frobenius endomorphism of the Jacobian of the hyperelliptic curves  $y^2 = x^7 + ax$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p \equiv 1$  modulo 12. Finally, we verified usefulness of the our algorithm by the simple examples.

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TABLE 1. Implementation results

Prime $p$	7045898873375251302705001 (83 bits)
Curve $a$	3212003
$\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$	$349791471919739827827276686542594907945139 \backslash$
	504156407640392922905445574982100 (247 bits)
Prime $p$	4341919238864522015180317 (82 bits)
Curve $a$	21374924713
$\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$	$8185500201262045096903572127582712936724 \backslash$
	1220270192088842798034439911824260 (245 bits)
Prime $p$	14687799603933131573117629 (84 bits)
Curve $a$	2633412312194
$\sharp J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$	316862041169848627182263377495880089424747
	1161048103901141942794842027849570 (250 bits)

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