

Batching Cipolla–Lehmer–Müller's square root algorithm with hashing to elliptic curves

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In particular, iterating $x \in \mathbb{F}_q$ as long as $\sqrt{f(x)} \notin \mathbb{F}_q$ is unsafe.

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There are explicit elementary formulas of φ at least for j -invariant $\neq 0, 1728$, or equivalently, for the coefficients $a, b \neq 0$.

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There is a vast literature about secure table lookups. Nevertheless, it is desirable to completely avoid them if possible.

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