



A Coq proof of the correctness of X25519 in TweetNaCl

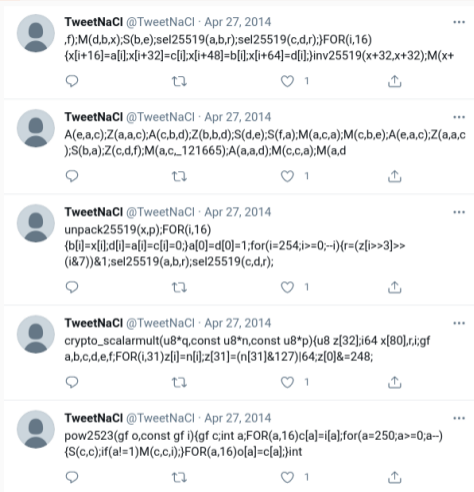
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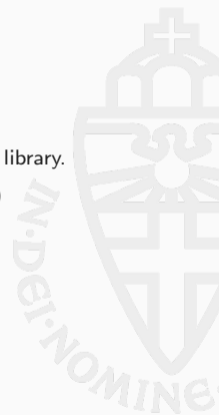
What is TweetNaCl?



The image shows a vertical list of five tweets from the account @TweetNaCl, dated April 27, 2014. Each tweet contains a different snippet of C code related to the NaCl cryptographic library. The tweets are as follows:

- Tweet 1:** `.f);M(d,b,x);S(b,e);sel25519(a,b,r);sel25519(c,d,r);FOR(i,16)(x[i+16]=a[i];x[i+32]=c[i];x[i+48]=b[i];x[i+64]=d[i]);inv25519(x+32,x+32);M(x+`
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- Tweet 5:** `pow2523(gf o,const gf i){gf c;int a;FOR(a,16)c[a]=i[a];for(a=250;a>=0;a--){S(c,c);if(a!=1)M(c,c,i);}FOR(a,16)o[a]=c[a];}int`

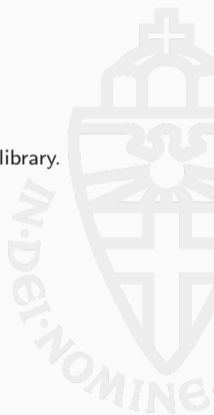
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    }
    inv25519(c,c);
    M(a,a,c);
    pack25519(q,a);
    return 0;
}
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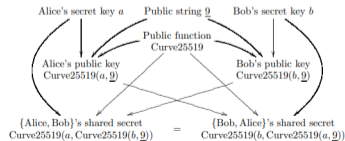
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Medium-level view: The following picture shows the data flow from secret keys through public keys to a shared secret.



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    d[0]=c[0];
  }
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Maths

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- ▶ We formalize RFC 7748 in Coq.
- ▶ We prove that TweetNaCl correctly implements RFC 7748.
- ▶ We prove that RFC 7748 matches X25519.

Formalizing X25519 from RFC 7748



The specification of X25519 in RFC 7748 is formalized by RFC in Coq.

More formally:

```

Definition RFC (n: list Z) (p: list Z) : list Z :=
  let k := decodeScalar25519 n in
  let u := decodeUCoordinate p in
  let t := montgomery_rec
    255 (* iterate 255 times *)
    k  (* clamped n *)
    1  (* x2 *)
    u  (* x3 *)
    0  (* z2 *)
    1  (* z3 *)
    0  (* dummy *)
    0  (* dummy *)
    u  (* x1 *)
  in
  let a := get_a t in
  let c := get_c t in
  let o := ZPack25519 (Z.mul a (ZInv25519 c))
  in encodeUCoordinate o.

```



```

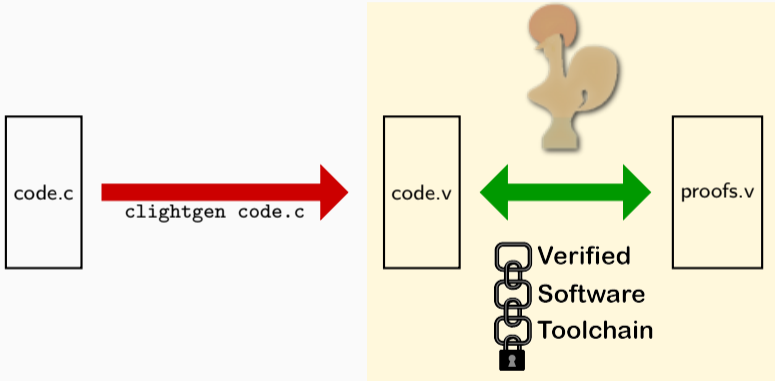
Fixpoint montgomery_rec (m : nat) (z : T')
(a: T) (b: T) (c: T) (d: T) (e: T) (f: T) (x: T) :
(* a: x2  b: x3  c: z2  d: z3  x: x1 *)
(T * T * T * T * T * T) :=
match m with
| 0%nat => (a,b,c,d,e,f)
| S n =>
  let r := Getbit (Z.of_nat n) z in (* k_t = (k >> t) & 1 *)
  (* swap ← k_t *)
  let (a, b) := (Sel25519 r a b, Sel25519 r b a) in (* (x2, x3) = cswap(swap, x2, x3) *)
  let (c, d) := (Sel25519 r c d, Sel25519 r d c) in (* (z2, z3) = cswap(swap, z2, z3) *)
  let e := a + c in (* A = x2 + z2 *)
  let a := a - c in (* B = x2 - z2 *)
  let c := b + d in (* C = x3 + z3 *)
  let b := b - d in (* D = x3 - z3 *)
  let d := e ^ 2 in (* AA = A^2 *)
  let f := a ^ 2 in (* BB = B^2 *)
  let a := c * a in (* CB = C * B *)
  let c := b * e in (* DA = D * A *)
  let e := a + c in (* x3 = (DA + CB)^2 *)
  let a := a - c in (* x3 = x1 * (DA - CB)^2 *)
  let b := a ^ 2 in (* z3 = x1 * (DA - CB)^2 *)
  let c := d - f in (* E = AA - BB *)
  let a := c * C_121665 in (* z2 = E * (AA + a24 * E) *)
  let a := a + d in (* z2 = E * (AA + a24 * E) *)
  let c := c * a in (* z2 = E * (AA + a24 * E) *)
  let a := d * f in (* x2 = AA * BB *)
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  let (c, d) := (Sel25519 r c d, Sel25519 r d c) in (* (z2, z3) = cswap(swap, z2, z3) *)
montgomery_rec n z a b c d e f x
end.

```



From C to Coq





Hoare Triple of crypto_scalarmult

```
Definition crypto_scalarmult_spec :=
DECLARE _crypto_scalarmult_curve25519_tweet
WITH
  v_q: val, v_n: val, v_p: val, c121665:val,
  sh : share,
  q : list val, n : list Z, p : list Z
(*-----*)
PRE [ _q OF (tptr tuchar), _n OF (tptr tuchar), _p OF (tptr tuchar) ]
PROP (writable_share sh;
      Forall ( $\lambda x \mapsto 0 \leq x < 2^8$ ) p;
      Forall ( $\lambda x \mapsto 0 \leq x < 2^8$ ) n;
      Zlength q = 32;
      Zlength n = 32;
      Zlength p = 32)
LOCAL(temp _q v_q; temp _n v_n; temp _p v_p; gvar __121665 c121665)
SEP (sh{ v_q }  $\leftarrow$ (uch32)- q;
     sh{ v_n }  $\leftarrow$ (uch32)- mVI n;
     sh{ v_p }  $\leftarrow$ (uch32)- mVI p;
     Ews{ c121665 }  $\leftarrow$ (lg16)- mVI64 c_121665)
(*-----*)
POST [ tint ]
PROP (Forall ( $\lambda x \mapsto 0 \leq x < 2^8$ ) (RFC n p);
      Zlength (RFC n p) = 32)
LOCAL(temp ret_temp (Vint Int.zero))
SEP (sh{ v_q }  $\leftarrow$ (uch32)- mVI (RFC n p);
     sh{ v_n }  $\leftarrow$ (uch32)- mVI n;
     sh{ v_p }  $\leftarrow$ (uch32)- mVI p;
     Ews{ c121665 }  $\leftarrow$ (lg16)- mVI64 c_121665)
```



The implementation of X25519 in TweetNaCl (*crypto_scalarmult*) matches the specifications of RFC 7748 (RFC).

More formally:

Theorem `body_crypto_scalarmult`:
(VST boiler plate . *)*
`semax_body`
(Global variables used in the code. *)*
`Vprog`
(Hoare triples for function calls . *)*
`Gprog`
(Clight AST of the function we verify . *)*
`f_crypto_scalarmult_curve25519_tweet`
(Our Hoare triple , see below. *)*
`crypto_scalarmult_spec` .



Formalization of Elliptic Curves



Inductive point (\mathbb{K} : Type) : Type :=
 (* A point is either at Infinity *)
 | EC_Inf : point \mathbb{K}
 (* or (x,y) *)
 | EC_In : $\mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \rightarrow$ point \mathbb{K} .

Notation " ∞ " := (@EC_Inf _).

Notation "(| x , y |)" := (@EC_In _ x y).

(* Get the x coordinate of p or 0 *)

Definition point_x0 (p : point \mathbb{K}) :=
 if p is (| x, _ |) then x else 0.

Notation "p.x" := (point_x0 p).



Definition

Let $a \in \mathbb{K} \setminus \{-2, 2\}$, and $b \in \mathbb{K} \setminus \{0\}$. The elliptic curve $M_{a,b}$ is defined by the equation:

$$by^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x,$$

$M_{a,b}(\mathbb{K})$ is the set of all points $(x, y) \in \mathbb{K}^2$ satisfying the $M_{a,b}$ along with an additional formal point \mathcal{O} , "at infinity".

(* $By = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$ *)

Record mcuType := { A: \mathbb{K} ; B: \mathbb{K} ; _ : $B \neq 0$; _ : $A^2 \neq 4$ }

(* is a point p on the curve? *)

Definition oncurve (p : point K) :=

if p is (| x, y |)

then cB * y^2 == $x^3 + cA * x^2 + x$

else true.

(* We define a point on a curve as a point and the proof that it is on the curve *)

Inductive mc : Type := MC p of oncurve p.



Definition `neg (p: point \mathbb{K}) :=`
`if p is (| x, y |) then (| x, - y |) else ∞ .`

Definition `add (p1 p2: point \mathbb{K}) :=`
`match p1 , p2 with`
`| ∞ , - \Rightarrow p2 (* If one point is infinity *)`
`| -, $\infty \Rightarrow$ p1 (* If one point is infinity *)`

`| (| x1, y1 |), (| x2, y2 |) \Rightarrow`
`if x1 == x2 then`
`if (y1 == y2) && (y1 \neq 0) then ... (* If p1 = p2 *)`
`else`
 `∞`
`else (* If p1 \neq p2 *)`
`let s := (y2 - y1) / (x2 - x1) in`
`let xs := s2 * B - A - x1 - x2 in`
`(| xs, -s * (xs - x1) - y1 |)`
`end`

Notation "`- x`" := `(neg x)`.

Notation "`x + y`" := `(add x y)`.

Notation "`x - y`" := `(x + (- y))`.



Hypothesis

$a^2 - 4$ is not a square in \mathbb{K} .

We prove its correctness.

Theorem

For all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, $x \in \mathbb{K}$, $P \in M_{a,b}(\mathbb{K})$, if $\chi_0(P) = x$ then `montgomery_ladder` returns $\chi_0(n \cdot P)$

Theorem `montgomery_ladder_ok` ($n\ m$: `nat`) (x : \mathbb{K}) :

$n < 2^m \rightarrow$

`forall` (p : `mc M`), $p \# x 0 = x$

(if x is the x -coordinate of P *)*

\rightarrow `montgomery_ladder` $n\ m\ x = (p * + n) \# x 0$.

(`montgomery_ladder` $n\ m\ xp$ is the x -coordinate of $n \cdot P$ *)*.

Qed.



p is prime

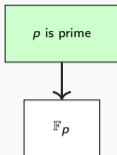
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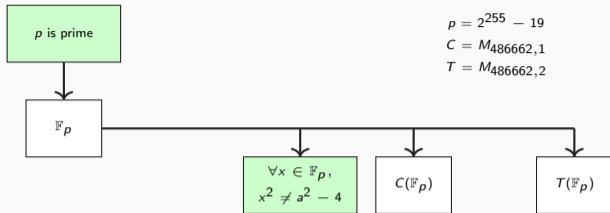
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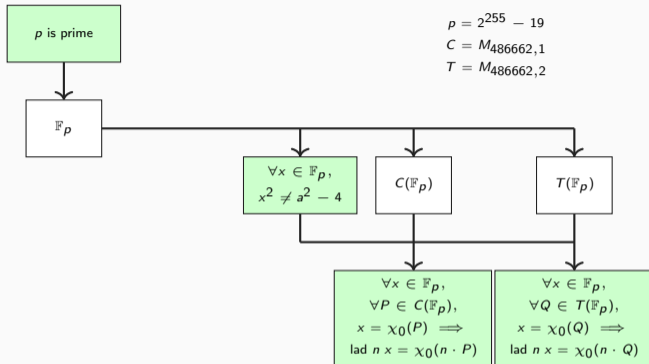
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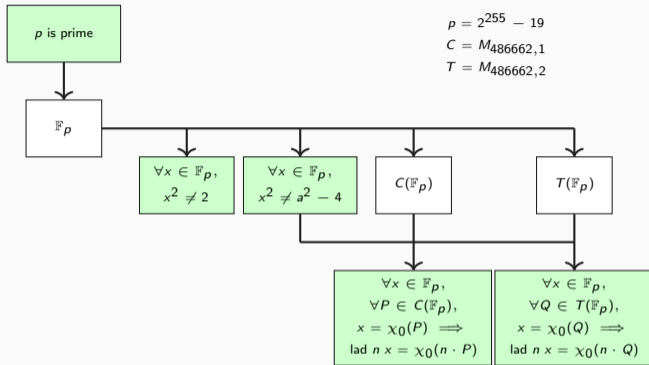
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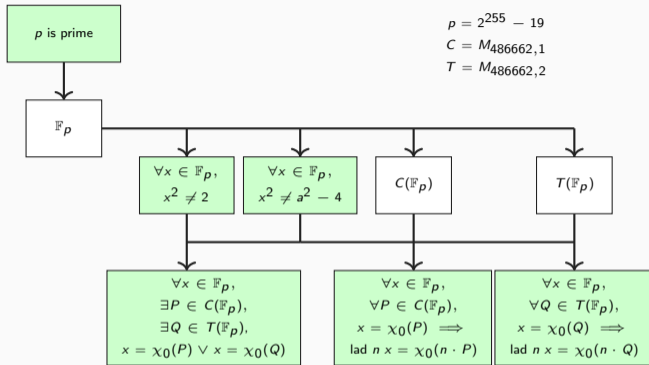
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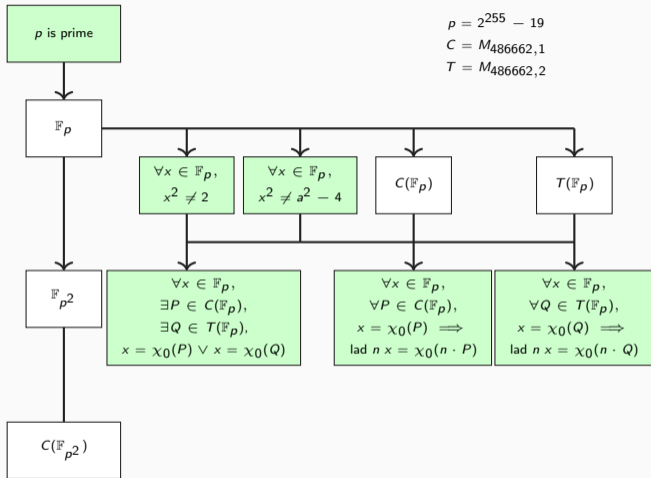
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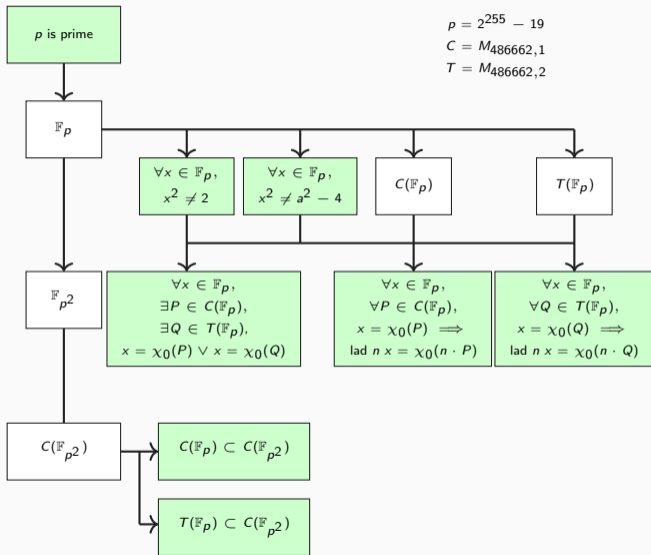
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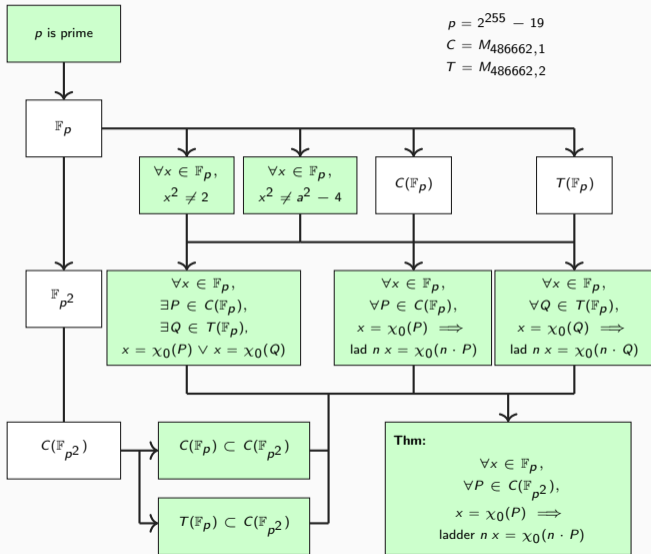
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Theorem

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $n < 2^{255}$, for all $x \in \mathbb{F}_p$ and $P \in M_{486662,1}(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ such that $\chi_0(P) = x$, `Curve25519_Fp(n, x)` computes $\chi_0(n \cdot P)$.

which is formalized in Coq as:

```
Theorem curve25519_Fp2_ladder_ok:  
  forall (n : nat) (x: F_2^255_19),  
    (n < 2^255)%nat ->  
    forall (p : mc curve25519_Fp2_mcuType),  
      p #x0 = Zmodp2.Zmodp2 x 0 ->  
      curve25519_Fp_ladder n x = (p *+ n)#x0 /p.
```

Qed.



The implementation of X25519 in TweetNaCl computes the \mathbb{F}_p -restricted x -coordinate scalar multiplication on $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ where p is $2^{255} - 19$ and E is the elliptic curve $y^2 = x^3 + 486662x^2 + x$.

Theorem RFC_Correct: forall (n p : list Z)
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    S(f,a);
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  (x_2, x_3) = cswap(swap, x_2, x_3)
  (z_2, z_3) = cswap(swap, z_2, z_3)
  swap = k t

A = x_2 + z_2
AA = A^2
B = x_2 - z_2
BB = B^2
E = AA - BB
C = x_3 + z_3
D = x_3 - z_3
DA = D + A
CB = C + B
x_3 = (DA + CB)^2
z_3 = x_1 + (DA - CB)^2
z_2 = AA * BB
z_2 = E * (AA + s24 * E)

// Conditional swap; see text below.
(t, z_1) = cswap(swap, z_1, z_2)
(x_1, z_1) = cswap(swap, z_2, z_3)
return (x_1 + z_1)
```

Maths

Curve25519: new Diffie-Hellman speed records

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Abstract. This paper explains the design and implementation of a high-security elliptic-curve-Diffie-Hellman function achieving record-setting speeds: e.g., 812457 Pentium III cycles (with several side benefits: free key compression, free key validation, and state-of-the-art timing-attack protection), more than twice as fast as other authors' results at the same conjectured security level (with or without the side benefits).

Keywords: Diffie-Hellman, elliptic curves, point multiplication, new curve, new software, high conjectured security, high speed, constant time, short keys

1 Introduction

This paper introduces and analyzes Curve25519, a state-of-the-art elliptic-curve-Diffie-Hellman function suitable for a wide variety of cryptographic applications. This paper uses Curve25519 to obtain new speed records for high-security Diffie-Hellman computations.

Here is the high-level view of Curve25519: Each Curve25519 user has a 32-byte secret key and a 32-byte public key. Each set of two Curve25519 users has a 32-byte shared secret used to authenticate and encrypt messages between the two users.

- ▶ We formalized RFC 7748 in Coq.
- ▶ We proved that TweetNaCl correctly implements RFC 7748.
- ▶ We proved that RFC 7748 matches X25519 up to the theory of Elliptic Curves.

Thank you.

