

## SCHUBERT CELLS IN LIE GEOMETRIES AND KEY EXCHANGE VIA SYMBOLIC COMPUTATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** We propose some cryptographical algorithms based on finite  $BN$ -pair  $G$  defined over the fields  $F_q$ . We convert the adjacency graph for maximal flags of the geometry of group  $G$  into a finite Tits automaton by special colouring of arrows and treat the largest Schubert cell  $Sch = F_q^N$  on this variety as a totality of possible initial states and a totality of accepting states at a time. The computation (encryption map) corresponds to some walk in the graph with the starting and ending points in  $Sch$ . To make algorithms fast we will use the embedding of geometry for  $G$  into Borel subalgebra of corresponding Lie algebra. We consider the induced subgraph of adjacency graph obtained by deleting all vertices outside of largest Schubert cell and corresponding automaton (Schubert automaton). We consider the following symbolic implementation of Tits and Schubert automata. The symbolic initial state is a string of variables  $x_\alpha$ , where roots  $\alpha$  are listed according Bruhat order, choice of label will be governed by linear expression in variables  $x_\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is a simple root.

Conjugations of such nonlinear map with element of affine group acting on  $F_q^N$  can be used in Diffie-Hellman key exchange algorithm based on the complexity of group theoretical discrete logarithm problem in case of Cremona group of this variety. We evaluate the degree of these polynomial maps from above and the maximal order of this transformation from below. For simplicity we assume that  $G$  is a simple Lie group of normal type but the algorithm can be easily generalised on wide classes of Tits geometries. In a spirit of algebraic geometry we generalise slightly the algorithm by change of linear governing functions for rational linear maps.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

According to Hilbert's approach to Geometry it is a special incidence system (or multipartite graph). Felix Klein thought that the Geometry was a group and proposed his famous Erlangen program. J. Tits combined those two ideas for the development of concept of a  $BN$ -pair, its geometry and flag system [28]. [29]. He created an axiomatic closure for such objects based on the definition of building [30].

Finite geometries  $\Gamma(G(q))$  of  $BN$ -pair  $G(q)$  with Weyl group  $W$  defined over finite field  $F_q$ ,  $q \rightarrow \infty$  form a family of small world graphs. Really, the diameters of the incidence graphs for  $\Gamma(G(q))$  coincide with the diameter of Weyl geometry  $\Gamma(W)$ , but average degree is growing with the growth of parameter  $q$ . The problem

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of constructing infinite families of small world graphs has many remarkable applications in economics, natural sciences, computer sciences and even in sociology. For instance, the "small world graph" of binary relation "two person shake hands" on the set of people in the world has small diameter.

The algorithm of finding the shortest pass between two arbitrarily chosen vertices of  $\Gamma(G(q))$  is much faster than the action of general Dijkstra algorithm. One can find the pass in  $\Gamma(G(q))$  for the time  $c$ , where  $c$  is a constant independent on  $q$ . Regular graphs of simple groups of Lie type of normal type of rank 2 (generalised  $m$ -gons for  $m \in \{3, 4, 6\}$ ) support the sharpness of Erdős' bound from Even Circuit Theorem in cases of cycles of length 4, 6 and 10 (see [3]).

One of the constructions which provide for each  $k_0 \geq 2$  the infinite family of regular graphs of degree  $k, k \geq k_0$  of large girth (length of minimal cycle) is based on the properties of the geometry of Kac-Moody  $BN$ -pair  $G(q)$  with diagram  $\tilde{A}_1$  (see [16], [17], [18])

The geometries of finite  $BN$ -pairs are traditionally used in classical Coding Theory. Foundations of this theory are based on the concept of finite distance-transitive or distance-regular metrics (distance regular and distance transitive graphs in other terminology [6]). Large number of known families of distance transitive graphs are constructed in terms of the incidence geometry of  $BN$ -pair or geometry of its Weyl group. Known constructions of families of distance - regular but not distance transitive graphs are also based on the properties of  $BN$ -pair geometries (see [6], [32]). Linear codes are just elements of projective geometry and all applications of Incidence Geometries to Coding Theory are hard to observe (see [12], [20], [22] and further references). Notice that some nonclassical areas like LDPS codes and turbocodes use objects constructed via  $BN$ -pair geometries: for the first constructions of LDPS codes Tanner [27] used finite generalised  $m$ -gons, the infinite family of graphs of large girth defined in [16] have been applied to constructions of the LDPS codes ([15], [13], [14], [25], [26] and further references)

Quite recent development gives an application of linear codes and their lattices to cryptography. Incidence geometries were used in [1] and [36] for the development of cryptographical algorithms (see also a [5], [20]).

In the paper we generalise some encryption algorithms of [36], [35] and consider the key exchange protocols based on geometries of  $BN$ -pairs.

## 2. BASIC DEFINITIONS IN THEORY OF $BN$ -PAIRS, THEIR GEOMETRIES AND FLAG SYSTEMS

**2.1. Graphs and incidence system.** The missing definitions of graph-theoretical concepts which appears in this paper can be found in [2] or [3]. All graphs we consider are simple, i.e. undirected without loops and multiple edges. Let  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denote the set of vertices and the set of edges of  $G$ , respectively. Then  $|V(G)|$  is called the *order* of  $G$ , and  $|E(G)|$  is called the *size* of  $G$ . When it is convenient, we shall identify  $G$  with the corresponding anti-reflexive binary relation on  $V(G)$ , i.e.  $E(G)$  is a subset of  $V(G) \times V(G)$  and write  $vGu$  for the adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$  (or neighbours). The sequence of distinct vertices  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_t$ , such that  $v_i G v_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, t-1$  is the pass in the graph. The length of a pass is a number of its edges. The distance  $\text{dist}(u, v)$  between two vertices is the length of the shortest pass between them. The diameter of the graph is the maximal distance between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of the graph. Let  $C_m$  denote the cycle of length  $m$  i.e.

the sequence of distinct vertices  $v_0, \dots, v_m$  such that  $v_i G v_{i+1}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m - 1$  and  $v_m G v_1$ . The girth of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $g = g(G)$ , is the length of the shortest cycle in  $G$ . The degree of vertex  $v$  is the number of its neighbours.

The incidence structure is the set  $V$  with partition sets  $P$  (points) and  $L$  (lines) and symmetric binary relation  $I$  such that the incidence of two elements implies that one of them is a point and another is a line. We shall identify  $I$  with the simple graph of this incidence relation (bipartite graph). If number of neighbours of each element is finite and depends only from its type (point or line), then the incidence structure is a tactical configuration in the sense of Moore (see [7]). An incidence structure is a semiplane if two distinct lines are intersecting not more than in one point and two distinct points are incident not more than one line. As it follows from the definition, graphs of the semiplane have no cycles  $C_3$  and  $C_4$ .

The graph is  $k$ -regular if each of its vertex has degree  $k$ , where  $k$  is a constant.

The incidence system is the triple  $(\Gamma, I, t)$  where  $I$  is a symmetric antireflexive relation (simple graph) on the vertex set  $\Gamma$ ,  $t : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is a *type function* onto the set of types  $\Delta$  such that  $\alpha I \beta$  and  $t(\alpha) = t(\beta)$  implies  $\alpha = \beta$ .

The flag  $F$  is a nonempty subset in  $\Gamma$  such that  $\alpha, \beta \in F$  implies  $\alpha I \beta$ . We assume that  $t(F) = \{t(x) | x \in F\}$

We assume that two flags  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are incident ( $F_1 I F_2$ ) if  $F_1 \cup F_2$  is also a flag and  $t(F_1) \cap t(F_2) = \emptyset$ . Let  $GF(\Gamma)$  be the incidence graph of the incidence relation defined on the set of all flags from  $\Gamma$ ,  $GF_{I,J}(\Gamma)$ ,  $I \cap J = \emptyset$  be the totality of flags of type  $I$  or  $J$  with the restriction of flag incidence on it. The type function is defined by  $t(\alpha) = s$ , where  $\alpha = gG_s$  for some  $s \in S$ .

**2.2. Groups, Coxeter systems and  $BN$ -pairs.** An important example of the incidence system as above is the so-called *group incidence system*  $\Gamma(G, G_s)_{s \in S}$ . Here  $G$  is the abstract group and  $G_s$  is the family of distinct subgroups of  $G$ . The objects of  $\Gamma(G, G_s)_{s \in S}$  are the left cosets of  $G_s$  in  $G$  for all possible  $s \in S$ . Cosets  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are incident precisely when  $\alpha \cap \beta \neq \emptyset$ . The type function is defined by  $t(\alpha) = s$  where  $\alpha = gG_s$  for some  $s \in S$ .

Let  $(W, S)$  be a Coxeter system, i.e.  $W$  is a group with set of distinguished generators given by  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_l\}$  and generic relation  $(s_i \times s_j)^{m_{i,j}} = e$ . Here  $M = (m_{i,j})$  is a symmetrical  $l \times l$  matrix with  $m_{i,i} = 1$  and off-diagonal entries satisfying  $m_{i,j} \geq 2$  (allowing  $m_{i,j} = \infty$  as a possibility, in which case the relation  $(s_i \times s_j)^{m_{i,j}} = e$  is omitted). Letting  $W_i = \langle S - \{s_i\} \rangle$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$  we obtain a group incidence system  $\Gamma_W = \Gamma(W, W_i)_{1 \leq i \leq l}$  called the Coxeter geometry of  $W$ . The  $W_i$  are referred to as the *maximal standard subgroups* of  $W$  (see [8]).

Let  $G$  be a group,  $B$  and  $N$  subgroups of  $G$ , and  $S$  a collection of cosets of  $B \cap N$  in  $N$ . We call  $(G, B, N, S)$  a *Tits system* ( or we say that  $G$  has a *BN-pair*) if

- (i)  $G = \langle B, N \rangle$  and  $B \cap N$  is normal in  $N$ ,
- (ii)  $S$  is a set of involutions which generate  $W = N/(B \cap N)$ ,
- (iii)  $sBw$  is a subset in  $BuB \cup BswB$  for any  $s \in S$  and  $w \in W$ ,
- (iv)  $sBs \neq B$  for all  $s \in S$ .

Properties (1)-(iv) imply that  $(W, S)$  is a Coxeter system (see [7], [8]). Whenever  $(G, B, N, S)$  is a Tits system, we call the group  $W$  the Weyl group of the system, or more usually the Weyl group of  $G$ . The subgroups  $P_i$  of  $G$  defined by  $BW_iB$  are called the *standard maximal parabolic subgroups* of  $G$ . The group incidence system  $\Gamma_G = \Gamma(G, P_i)_{1 \leq i \leq l}$  is commonly referred to as the *Lie geometry* of  $G$  (see [6]). Note that the Lie geometry of  $G$  and the Coxeter geometry of the corresponding Weyl

group have the same rank. In fact there is a type preserving morphism from  $\Gamma_G$  onto  $\Gamma_W$  given by  $gP_i \rightarrow wW_i$ , where  $w$  is determined from the equality  $BgP_i = BwP_i$ . This morphism is called a *retraction* (see [30]).

### 3. TITS AND SCHUBERT AUTOMATA AND FOR SYMBOLIC COMPUTATIONS

**3.1. Definitions of automata.** The geometry  $\Gamma(G)$  of  $BN$ -pair  $G$  is the set of all left cosets by the standard maximal subgroups i.e. maximal subgroups  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  of  $G$  containing standard Borel subgroup  $B$ . Two cosets  $C_1 = gP_i$  and  $C_2 = hP_j$  are incident  $C_1IC_2$  if and only if their intersection is not empty. It is clear, that  $gP_i \cap hP_j \neq \emptyset$  implies  $i \neq j$ . The maximal flag of the geometry is a subset  $F = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\}$  such that  $C_iIC_j$  for each pair  $(i, j)$ ,  $i \neq j$ . Maximal flags form the set  $\text{F}\Gamma(G)$ , they are in one to one correspondence with the left cosets by standard Borel subgroup. The largest Schubert cell  $\text{Sch}$  is the orbit of  $B$  acting on  $\text{F}\Gamma(G)$  containing largest number of elements. In case of group of normal type variety  $\text{Sch} = \text{Sch}(G)$  is isomorphic to vector space  $F_q^N$ , where  $N$  is the number of positive roots.

We assume that two maximal flags  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are adjacent if their intersection contains  $n - 1$  elements of geometry. Let  $AF(G)$  be the simple graph of symmetric adjacency relation (flag graph for  $\Gamma(G)$ ). The order of this simple regular graph is  $|(G : B)|$ , the degree is  $nq$  and diameter is  $n$ . Let us restrict the adjacency relation as above on the largest Schubert cell  $\text{Sch}(G)$ . We obtain new graph  $AS(G)$  which is a regular induced subgraph of  $AF(G)$  of order  $q^N$  and degree  $q - 1$ . We refer to  $AS(G)$  as Schubert subgraph of the flag graph.

We convert the directed graph of adjacency relation of flags into the following automaton.

Let  $(F_1, F_2)$  be the ordered pair of adjacency flags such that  $t(F_1 \cap F_2) = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} - \{s\}$ . So flags differs by geometry elements  $C_1 = C_s^1$  and  $C_2 = C_s^2$  of type  $s$  from  $(F_1, F_2)$ , respectively. The following situations are possible.

(i) Element  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are from the same Schubert cell. In that case there unique a transformation  $u = x_\alpha(t)$ ,  $t \neq 0$ , shifting  $C_1$  to  $C_2$ . Root  $\alpha$  depends on  $\text{Retr}(F_1)$  only.

(ii) Elements  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are from different Schubert cells and there is a group  $U_\alpha$  such that  $(F_1 \cap F_2) \cup \{u(C_2)\}$  is an adjacent flag to  $F_1$  for each  $u = x_\alpha(t)$ . Notice, that case  $t = 0$  is a possibility here. Root  $\alpha$  depends on  $\text{Retr}(F_1)$  again.

(iii) Elements  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are from different Schubert cells and Schubert cell contains  $C_2$  as unique representative  $C$  such that flag  $(F_1 \cap F_2) \cup \{C\}$  is adjacent to  $F_1$ .

Let us consider the following labelling of  $F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  for cases of (i), (ii) and (iii) separately:

(i) put the label  $(s, t)$ . where  $t \neq 0$ .

(ii) the label is  $(s, t)$ , where  $t \in F_q$  is defined by condition  $x_\alpha(t)\text{Retr}(C_2) = C_2$

(iii) put the label  $\infty$ .

So for fixed  $F_1$  and fixed type  $s$  the label  $(s, t)$  in direction to  $s$ -adjacency flag is defined by parameter  $t$  taken from the "acceptable" set  $\text{Ac}(F_1) = F_q \cup \{\gamma\}$  where  $\gamma$  is one of the symbols  $0$  and  $\infty$ . We add the formal loop on state  $F_1$  labelled by the unique symbol from  $\{0, \infty\} - \{\gamma\}$ .

So the transition function  $T_{s,t}$  of taking the  $s$ -adjacent element of colour  $(s, t)$  for general flag is defined for each  $t \in F_q \cup \{\infty\}$  We assume that the initial state

can be any flag from the largest Schubert cell  $Sch$  and this cell is the totality of all accepting states.

So algorithm can be given by the string of labels  $(s_1, t_1), (s_2, t_2), \dots, (s_d, t_d)$  such that the composition  $T = T(s_1, t_1)T(s_2, t_2)T(s_d, t_d)$  maps  $Sch$  into itself. We are interested only in irreducible computations for which  $s_i \neq s_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d-1$

In case of group of normal type the alphabet contains exactly  $n(q+1)$  symbols. The computation corresponds to special walks in the graph  $AF(G)$  with the starting and ending point in  $Sch(G)$ . Notice that  $C$  may be not a bijection. For instance  $T(s, O)$ , which image for  $Sch$  lays outside of the largest large Schubert cell, is not invertible.

We refer to such automaton as *Tits automaton* for group  $G$ . We would like to use it as tool for symbolic computations.

The unipotent group  $U$  acts regularly on  $Sch$ . So we can identify  $v \in Sch$  with certain product of  $X_\alpha(t_\alpha)$ , and positive roots  $\alpha \in Root$  are taken in Bruhat order. In fact, we identify the string  $v = t_\alpha \in F_q$ ,  $\alpha \in Root^+$  with the accepting state  $v$ .

We refer to the list  $(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{\alpha_n})$ , where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  is the set of all simple roots, as the color of  $v$  from plainspace. So we are colouring accepting states now but not arrows.

Let us consider irreducible computation within Tits automaton of kind  $v \rightarrow v_s$ ,  $v_1 = T(i_1, a_1)(v)$ ,  $v_2 = T(i_2, a_2)(v_1), \dots, v_s = T(i_s, a_s)(v_{s-1})$ , where  $i_k \neq i_{k+1}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, s-1$ ,  $a_k \in F_q \cup \infty$ , element  $Retr(v) = Retr(v_s)$  equals to the element  $w \in W$  of maximal length. Notice, that in the sequence  $Retr(v_1), Retr(v_2), \dots, Retr(v_k)$  consecutive elements are adjacent in  $FG(W)$  or equal.

The computation is conducted into several steps. Each time we have one of the situations *i*, *(ii)* or *(iii)*. In cases of kind *(i)* and *(ii)* when the corresponding root  $\alpha$  is simple parameters  $a_j$  will be chosen as linear functions of kind  $l(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{\alpha_n}) = c_1 t_{\alpha_1} + c_2 t_{\alpha_2} \dots, c_n t_{\alpha_n} + b$ , where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  and  $b$  are elements of  $F_q$  and  $(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{\alpha_n})$  is a colour of our initial state. If  $\alpha$  is not a simple root, we choose  $a_j$  as  $c_j t_{\beta_j} + f_j(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{\alpha_n})$ , where  $c_j \neq 0$ .

After the completion of our computation we get the accepting state  $u = v_s$ . It has a colour  $(d_{\alpha_1}, d_{\alpha_2}, \dots, d_{\alpha_n}) = (t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{\alpha_n})A + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ , where

the matrix  $A$  is defined by some linear expressions of kind  $a_i = l_i(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{\alpha_n})$ , which we used during the computation. We will require that the matrix  $A$  is invertible. Notice that we may use symbol  $\infty$ , where the design of algorithm allows such option.

After the completion of algorithm we obtain accepting state of colour  $(d_{\alpha_1}, d_{\alpha_2}, \dots, d_{\alpha_n})$ . The invertibility of  $A$  allows us to compute  $(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{\alpha_n})$  as  $((d_{\alpha_1}, d_{\alpha_2}, \dots, d_{\alpha_n}) - (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n))A^{-1}$ . So we can compute all parameters  $a_i$  and create the reverse walk in the graph and compute the inverse map  $T^{-1}$  which sends the final accepting state to initial state.

Let us restrict Tits automaton on the largest Schubert cell, i. e delete all states outside  $Sch(G)$  together with corresponding output arrows. We obtain Schubert automaton over the alphabet  $(i, a)$ , where  $a \in F_q$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Notice, that  $a = 0$  corresponds to taking the loop.

**3.2. Tits and Schubert automata and related symmetric encryption.** Correspondents Alice and Bob may use the following symmetric encryption based on the Tits automaton. The plainspace is a vector space  $Sch = F_q^N$ . The plaintext  $p$  we identify with the string  $v = t_\alpha \in F_q$ ,  $\alpha \in Root^+$ . We may think that this is a

function  $p : \text{Root}^+ \rightarrow F_q$ . Alice has to compute the restriction of this function onto subsets of all simple roots and get the colour  $(t_{\alpha_1}, t_{\alpha_2}, \dots, t_{\alpha_d})$  of the plainspace.

Correspondents share symbolic string of labels  $(s_1, l_1), (s_2, l_2), \dots, (s_d, l_d)$ , where  $l_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, d$  is a linear expression of formal variables  $z_\alpha$ , for each simple root  $\alpha$  or  $\infty$  and two affine invertible transformations  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ . The vector space of all maps from the totality of simple roots to  $F_q$  has to be not invariant subspace for  $\tau_i, i = 1, 2$ . Alice executing the specialization  $z_\alpha = p_\alpha$  computing Corresponding numerical string  $t = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_d)$ . She has to hide that string by applications of affine maps  $\tau_i$ . So she is adding to symbolic key two invertible Linear transformations  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  of the plainspace  $F_q^N$  and compose  $\tau_1$ , the automaton map corresponding to  $t$  and  $\tau_2$ .

She sends to Bob the ciphertext

$$c = \tau_1(T(s_1, t_1)T(s_2, t_2) \dots T(s_d, t_d)(\tau_1(p)))$$

Bob decrypt applying to  $c$  consequently  $\tau_2^{-1}, T^{-1}$ , where  $T = T(s_1, t_1)T(s_2, t_2) \dots T(s_d, t_d)$  and  $\tau_1^{-1}$ ,

*Remark 1.* If correspondents do not use  $\infty$  in the shared symbolic key then  $T$  is the computation in Schubert automaton. Bob can simply compute  $T^{-1}$  as  $T(s_d, -t_d)T(s_{d-1}, -t_{d-1}) \dots T(s_1, -t_1)$ .

*Remark 2.* We may generalise the above algorithms by changing affine maps  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  and  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_d)A + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  for general invertible polynomial maps.

#### 4. KEY EXCHANGE PROTOCOLS BASED ON INCIDENCE GEOMETRIES

The automata as above can be considered over the general ground field  $F$  We can see that the computations in both automata do not use division. What is going on during the computations on a symbolic level. Let us assume now that the initial state is a formal string of variables  $x_\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is running throw the list of all positive roots. It is convenient for us to expand the ground field  $F_q$  to the field  $R$  of rational functions  $r(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)/g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are elements  $F_q[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]$  Formal variables  $x_\alpha$  and governing linear expressions  $l(x_{\alpha_1}, x_{\alpha_2}, \dots, x_{\alpha_n}, x_\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  is not a simple root are elements of subring  $F_q[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]$  in  $R$ . During its work Tits automaton newer use division. So after getting accepting state over  $R$  we got the vector of dimension  $N$  with polynomial components  $f_\alpha$ . So the numerical encryption map is regular automorphism of  $F_q^N$  (element of Cremona group for  $F_q^N$ ) of kind.

$$x_i \rightarrow f_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N), i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Special choice of symbolic key guarantee that the above transformation is bijective. Symbol  $\infty$  play just formal role. Linearity of governing functions leads to rather small degree of the nonlinear map.

Such a walk produces a bijective transformation  $T$  of variety  $\text{Sch}(G)$  which is its regular automorphism ( polynomial map of the variety into itself such that its inverse is also polynomial). We will conjugate  $T$  by invertible affine transformation  $\tau \in \text{AGL}_N(F_q)$  and use  $Y = \tau^{-1}T\tau$  as the instrument for the key exchange based in modified Diffie - Hellman method. So the Alice is computing a standard from for  $Y$

$$t_1 = f_1(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N), t_2 = f_2(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N), \dots, t_N = f_N(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N),$$

where  $f_i \in F_q[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , and sending the map to Bob via open communication channel. Correspondents Alice and Bob (as usually) are choosing their keys  $k_A$  and  $k_B$ , respectively. They are executing computations  $D_A = Y^{k_A}$  and  $D_B = Y^{k_B}$ . They exchange the outputs via the open channel.

Finally Alice and Bob are computing collision maps  $D_B^{k_A}$  and  $D_A^{k_B}$ . So correspondents are getting common element.

We can modify the above scheme:

Alice chooses the maximal flag  $F$  from the largest large Schubert cell  $\text{Sch}(G)$  and sends it to Bob via open channel. Correspondence may use common flag  $D_A^{k_B}(F) = D_B^{k_A}(F)$  as the key for their private key algorithm.

The security of the above key exchange algorithm based on the complexity of discrete logarithm problem for the Cremona group of variety  $\text{Sch}(G)$ . In case of finite field  $F_q$  this group coincides with the symmetric group  $S_{q^N}$ . It is important that we use description of permutations in terms of polynomial algebra. So related discrete logarithm problem is formulated in terms of algebraic geometry.

Method allows various modification: we can use nonlinear invertible maps instead of affine transformation  $\tau$ , the base of discrete logarithm can be non invertible polynomial map and etc. An interesting modifications can be obtained if we will allow noninvertible transformations of the variety. For instance we may consider fractional linear governing function  $l_i$  for the step  $i$  looks like  $(a_1 X_{\alpha_1} + a_2 x_{\alpha_2} + \dots + a_{\alpha_n} x_{\alpha_n}) / (b_1 X_{\alpha_1} + b_2 x_{\alpha_2} + \dots + b_{\alpha_n} X_{\alpha_n})$  if the root  $\alpha$  on step  $i$  is simple, and  $l_i$  is a fraction of two linear combinations of  $x_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{Root}^+$  if  $\alpha$  is not a simple root. In case of such governing functions we refer to corresponding automata as birational Tits and Schubert automaton, respectively.

## 5. EMBEDDING OF THE FLAG VARIETY INTO THE LIE ALGEBRA AND SOME COMPLEXITY ESTIMATES

Throughout this section  $(G, B, N, S)$  is a Tits system which arises in connection with Chevalley group  $G$ , although we point that the results of this section remain valid in a far more general setting (see [30], [7], [8]). We write  $G = X_l(K)$  to signify that  $G$  is the Chevalley group over the field  $K$ , with associated Dynkin diagram  $X_l$ . We are most interested in the case when  $K$  is finite, and we shall write  $X_l(q)$  instead of  $X_l(F_q)$  in that case.

So, fix Chevalley group  $G = X_l(K)$  with corresponding Weyl group  $W$ . As in the previous section  $\Gamma_W$  and  $\Gamma_G$  their associated Coxeter and Lie geometries. Let  $L = H + L^+ + L^-$  be the Lie algebra corresponding to  $G$ .

Following convention, we refer to  $H$ ,  $L^+$ ,  $L^-$  and  $H + L^+$  as, respectively, the *Cartan subalgebras*, *positive root space*, *negative root space* and *Borel subalgebra* with respect to the given decomposition of  $L$ . We also use the familiar bracket notation  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  to indicate Lie product [4], [24],

Below we turn our attention to a method of embedding  $\Gamma_W$  and  $\Gamma_G$  in  $L$ . As the reader shall see, this method actually embeds  $\Gamma_W$  in the Cartan subalgebra  $H$  of  $L$ . Let us consider the embedding more precisely.

Let  $A = (a_{i,j})$  be the Cartan matrix corresponding to the root system  $\Omega$  of  $W$ . We consider the lattice  $R$  which is generated by simple roots  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_l$  and the reflection  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_l$  of  $R$  defined by the equality  $(\alpha_i)^{r_j} = \alpha_i - a_{i,j} \alpha_j$ .

Let  $S = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_l\}$  be the set of Coxeter generators of Weyl group  $W$ . Let  $\alpha_1^*, \alpha_2^*, \dots, \alpha_l^*$  be a dual basis of  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_l$ , i.e.  $\alpha_i^*$  is the linear functional

on  $\mathbb{R}$  which satisfies  $\alpha_i^*(\alpha_j) = \delta_{i,j}$ . We define the action of  $W$  on the dual lattice  $\mathbb{R}^*$  by  $l(x)^s = l(x^s)$ , where  $l(x) \in \mathbb{R}^*$  and  $s \in S$ .

Consider the orbit  $H_i = \{\alpha_i^{*w} | w \in W\}$  of permutation group  $(W, \mathbb{R}^*)$ , which contains  $\alpha_1^*$ . Let  $H$  be the disjoint union of  $H_i$ . We give the set  $H$  the structure of an incidence system as follows. Linear functionals  $l_1(x)$  and  $l_2(x)$  are incident if and only if products  $l_1(\alpha)l_2(\alpha) \geq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \Omega$ . The type function  $t$  is defined by  $t(l(x)) = i$  where  $l(x) \in H_i$ . It can be shown that  $(H, I, t)$  is isomorphic to Coxeter geometry  $\Gamma_W$ . (In fact there is a unique isomorphism of  $\Gamma_W$  with  $(H, I, t)$  which sends  $W_i$  to  $\alpha_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ .) This gives the desired embedding since  $H$  is a subset in  $\mathbb{R}^*$  and  $\mathbb{R}^* \subset L_0$ . Moreover this embedding still valid for a field  $K$  of sufficiently large characteristic, since, in that case  $H$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R} \times K = L_0$ .

We now consider an analogous embedding of the Lie geometry  $\Gamma_G$  into the Borel subalgebra  $U = L_0 + L^+$  of  $L$ . Let  $d = \alpha_1^* + \alpha_2^* + \dots + \alpha_l^*$ . Then we can take  $\Omega^+ = \{\alpha \in \Omega | d(\alpha) \geq 0\}$  to be our set of positive roots in  $\Omega$ . For any  $l(x) \in \mathbb{R}^*$  define  $\eta^-(L) = \alpha \in \Omega^+ | l(\alpha) < 0$ .

Let  $L_\alpha$  be the root space corresponding to positive root  $\alpha$ . For each  $h \in H$  we define the subalgebra  $L_h$  as the sum of  $L_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \eta^-(h)$ . Let  $U_i = \{h + v | h \in H_i, v \in L_h\}$  and  $U$  is a disjoint union of  $U_i$ . We give  $U$  the structure of an incident system as follows. Elements  $h_1 + v_1$  and  $h_2 + v_2$  are incident if and only if each of the following hold:

- (i)  $h_1(\alpha)h_2(\alpha) \geq 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \Omega$ , i.e.  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are incident in  $(H, I, t)$ .
- (ii)  $[h_1 + v_1, h_2 + v_2] = 0$

Element  $h + v$  has type  $i$  if  $h + v \in U_i$ .

In [38] it is shown that this newly defined incident system is isomorphic to the Lie geometry  $\Gamma_G$ , provided that the characteristic of  $K$  is zero or sufficiently large to ensure the isomorphism at the level of the subgeometries  $(H, I, t)$  and  $\Gamma_W$ . Then analogous to the Weyl case, there exists a unique isomorphism  $\text{Retr}$  of  $\Gamma(G)$  into  $(U, I, t)$  which sends  $P_i$  to  $\alpha_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ .

**Proposition 5.1.** *Let  $\Gamma = \Gamma(G)$  be the geometry of group  $G = X_n(q)$ . The above interpretation of  $\Gamma(G)$  allows*

- (i) generate  $\Gamma$  in  $O(|\Gamma|)$  elementary steps and check whether or not two elements of  $\Gamma$  are incident for time  $O(N^2)$ , where  $N$  is the number of positive roots.
- (ii) complete the computation in Tits and Schubert automaton consisting of  $k$  elementary steps for time  $O(kN)$

Graphs of degree  $q$  and  $SF(X_n(q)$ ,  $q \geq 4$  of degree  $q - 1$  have orders  $|X_n(q)|/|B|$  and  $q^N$ , respectively. They form families of small world graphs depending on two parameters  $n$  and  $q$ .

## 6. ON THE DISCRETE LOGARITHM PROBLEM WITH POLYNOMIAL OR BIRATIONAL BASE

Let  $F_p$ , where  $p$  is prime, be a finite field. Affine transformations  $x \rightarrow Ax + b$ , where  $A$  is invertible matrix and  $b \in (F_p)^n$ , form an affine group  $AGL_n(F_p)$  acting on  $F_p^n$ . It is known that polynomial transformation of kind  $x_1 \rightarrow g_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $x_2 \rightarrow g_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow g_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  form a symmetric group  $S_{p^n}$ .

In the simplest case  $F_p$ , affine transformations form an affine group  $AGL_n(F_p)$  of order  $(p^n - 1)(p^n - p) \dots (p^n - p^{n-1})$  in the symmetric group  $S_{p^n}$  of order  $(p^n)!$ . In [19] the maximality of  $AGL_n(F_p)$  in  $S_{p^n}$  was proven. So we can present each



permutation  $\pi$  as a composition of several "seed" maps of kind  $\tau_1 g \tau_2$ , where  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in AGL_n(F_p)$  and  $g$  is a fixed map of degree  $\geq 2$ . One may choose quadratic map of Imai - Matsumoto algorithm in case  $p = 2$  (see [10], [21] for its description and cryptanalysis by J. Patarin) or graph based cubical maps [31] for general  $p$ .

We can choose the base of  $F_p^n$  and write each permutation  $g \in S_{p^n}$  as a "public rule":

$$x_1 \rightarrow g_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), x_2 \rightarrow g_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \dots, x_n \rightarrow g_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

Let  $g^k \in S_{p^n}$  be the new public rule obtained via iteration of  $g$ . Discrete logarithm problem of finding solution for  $k$  for  $g^k = b$  can be difficult if the order of  $g$  is "sufficiently large". We have to avoid the linear growth of the degree  $g^k$ , when  $k$  is growing. Obvious bad example is the following:  $g$  sends  $x_i$  into  $x_i^t$  for each  $i$ . In this case the solution is just a ratio of  $\deg b$  and  $\deg g$ .

Let us consider the Cremona group  $C(n, q)$  of all invertible polynomial automorphisms of the vector space  $F_q^n$ , where  $q = p^m$ , the semigroups  $PC(n, q)$  and  $BC(n, q)$  of polynomial and birational maps of  $F_q^n$  into itself, respectively.

To avoid such trouble one can look at families of subgroups of increasing order  $G_n, n \rightarrow \infty$  of  $S_{p^n}$  such that maximal degree of its element equals  $c$ , where  $c$  is independent constant (groups of degree  $c$  or groups of stable degree). We refer to an element  $g$  such that all its nonidentical powers are of degree  $c$  as element of stable degree.

It is clear that the family of affine subgroup  $AGL_n(p)$  is a subgroup of stable degree for  $c = 1$  and all nonidentical affine transformations are of stable degree. Notice that if  $g$  is a linear diagonalisable element of  $AGL_n(p)$ , then discrete logarithm problem for base  $g$  is equivalent to the classical number theoretical problem.

One can take a subgroup  $H$  of  $AGL_n(p)$  and consider its conjugation with nonlinear bijective polynomial map  $f$ . Of course the group  $H' = f^{-1} H f$  will be also a stable group, but for most pairs  $f$  and  $H$  group  $H'$  will be of degree  $\deg f \times \deg f^{-1} \geq 4$  because of nonlinearity  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$ . So the problem of construction an infinite families of subgroups  $G_n$  in  $S_{p^n}$  of degree 2 and 3 may attract some attention.

The following questions are important because of Diffie Hellman type protocols (see [9]).

Q1; How to construct stable subgroups  $C$  of small degree  $c$  ( $c = 2$  and  $c = 3$  especially) of increasing order in  $C(n, q)$ ?

We say refer to a semigroup  $Se$  generated by single elements as monogenetic semigroup of order  $|Se|$ .

Q2; How to construct stable monogenetical subsemigroups in  $PC(n, q)$  and  $BC(n, q)$  of small degree  $c$  ( $c = 2$  and  $c = 3$  especially) of increasing order in  $C(n, q)$  of large order?

Finally, we announce the following statement

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $X_n(F), n \geq 2$  be a simple group of Lie type over the field  $F$ . Let  $L(X_n(q))$  be a group of all invertible computations in Schubert automaton.*

*In case of classical groups (diagrams  $A_n, B_n, C_n$  and  $D_n$ ) groups  $L(X_n(F)), n \rightarrow \infty$  form families of stable degree.*

*Remark:* Groups  $L(X_n(F))$  are of degree 3 in case of diagram  $B_n, C_n$  and  $D_n$ , and  $L(A_n(F))$  are groups of degree 2.

We can demonstrate the existence of elements in  $L(X_n(q))$  of rather large order. Really, take a permutation  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$  on the nodes of Dynkin diagram and compute a composition  $g$  of generators  $Z^{i_1}(l_1(x)), Z^{i_2}(l_2(x)), \dots, Z^{i_n}(l_n(x))$ , where  $l_i(x)$

are linear forms corresponding to the rows of Singer cycle matrix of order  $q^n - 1$  (see, for instance, [11]). As it follows from the description of algorithm the order of  $g$  will be at least  $q^n - 1$ .

Similarly we can use Singer cycle to generate by Tits automata a stable monogenetic subgroup in  $PC(n, q)$  and  $BC(n, q)$ .

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