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MULTIPLICATION IN A FINITE FIELD

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MULTIPLIKATION IN EINEM ENDLICHEN FELD

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO2004112307A2] An apparatus for performing a multiplication in a finite field  $F_q = \{0, 1, \alpha, (\alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{q-2})$ , or, in an index representation,  $F_q = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{q-1}\}$  where each element  $x_j$  of the field is represented by a respective index  $j$  indicated as  $j=i(x_j)$ . A memory 410 includes a logarithm table L 416 with at least  $q$  entries  $L[j] = \log_{\alpha}(x_j)$ , for  $j=0, \dots, q-1$  and an exponent table E with a first part 412 with respective entries  $E[j] = i(\alpha^j)$  for  $j=0, \dots, q-2$  and a second part 414 immediately subsequent to the first part with respective entries  $E[j+q-1] = (a < j >)$  for  $j=0, \dots, q-3$ . A processor 420 provides as the outcome of the multiplication of non-zero elements  $x, y \in F_q$  an index retrieved from a table entry  $E[L[i(x)] + L[i(y)]]$  in the memory.

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