Sandy2x: Fastest Curve25519 Implementation Ever

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X25519 and Ed25519

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Performance results

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- Andrew Moon “floodyberry”, https://github.com/floodyberry/ed25519-donna

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