

equality). On the other hand, using the definition of  $G$ , the fact that  $(a + b)^p = a^p + b^p$  in  $\mathbf{F}_{p^f}$ , and the obvious observation that  $(\frac{j}{q})^p = (\frac{j}{q})$ , we compute:

$$G^p = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \left(\frac{j}{q}\right) \xi^{pj} = \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \left(\frac{pj}{q}\right) \xi^{pj},$$

by parts (b) and (c) of Proposition II.2.3. Pulling  $(\frac{p}{q})$  outside the summation and making the change of variables  $j' = pj$  in the summation, we finally obtain:  $G^p = (\frac{p}{q})G$ . Equating our two expressions for  $G^p$  and dividing by  $G$  (which is possible, since  $G^2 = \pm q$  and so is not zero in  $\mathbf{F}_{p^f}$ ), we obtain the quadratic reciprocity law. Thus, it remains to prove the following lemma.

**Lemma.**  $G^2 = (-1)^{(q-1)/2}q$ .

**Proof.** Using the definition of  $G$ , where in one copy of  $G$  we replace the variable of summation  $j$  by  $-k$  (and note that the summation can start at 1 rather than 0, since  $(\frac{0}{q}) = 0$ ), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} G^2 &= \sum_{j,k=1}^{q-1} \left(\frac{j}{q}\right) \xi^j \left(\frac{-k}{q}\right) \xi^{-k} = \left(\frac{-1}{q}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{k=1}^{q-1} \left(\frac{jk}{q}\right) \xi^{j-k} \\ &= (-1)^{(q-1)/2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \sum_{k=1}^{q-1} \left(\frac{j^2 k}{q}\right) \xi^{j(1-k)}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Part (d) of Proposition II.2.3 to replace  $(\frac{-1}{q})$  by  $(-1)^{(q-1)/2}$ , and for each value of  $j$  we have made a change of variable in the inner summation  $k \longleftrightarrow kj$  (i.e., for each fixed  $j$ ,  $kj$  runs through the residues modulo  $q$  as  $k$  does, and the summands depend only on the residue modulo  $q$ ). We next use part (c) of Proposition II.2.3, interchange the order of summation, and pull the  $(\frac{k}{q})$  outside the inner sum over  $j$ . The double sum then becomes  $\sum_k (\frac{k}{q}) \sum_j \xi^{j(1-k)}$ . Here both sums go from 1 to  $q - 1$ , but if we want we can insert the terms with  $j = 0$ , since that simply adds to the double sum  $\sum_k (\frac{k}{q})$ , which is zero (because there are equally many residues and nonresidues modulo  $q$ ). Thus, the double sum can be written  $\sum_{k=1}^{q-1} (\frac{k}{q}) \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \xi^{j(1-k)}$ . But for each  $k$  other than 1, the inner sum vanishes. This is because the sum of the distinct powers of a nontrivial ( $\neq 1$ ) root of unity  $\xi'$  is zero (the simplest way to see this is to note that multiplying the sum by  $\xi'$  just rearranges it, and so the sum multiplied by  $\xi' - 1$  is zero). So we are left with the contribution when  $k = 1$ , and we finally obtain:

$$G^2 = (-1)^{(q-1)/2} \left(\frac{1}{q}\right) \sum_{j=0}^{q-1} \xi^0 = (-1)^{(q-1)/2} q.$$

This completes the proof of the lemma, and hence also the proof of the Law of Quadratic Reciprocity.