

we have solved (3.1). Summarizing, we get a solution from

$$(a, b) = \left( \frac{1}{4}(g(1)^2 + \frac{f(1)^2}{p}), \frac{f(1)g(1)}{2p} \right)$$

where we can directly compute  $f(1)$  and  $g(1)$

If  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ ,  $y_1^2 + 3\xi_1^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ . Given that the only quadratic residues modulo 8 are 0, 1, 4, we must have  $(y_1^2, \xi_1^2) \equiv (1, 1), (0, 4)$  or  $(4, 0) \pmod{8}$ .

We now use the fact that  $8^2 = 2^{2 \cdot 3} = 4^3$  and consider  $(y_1 + \sqrt{p}\xi_1)^3 = (y_1^3 + 3p\xi_1^2 y_1) + \sqrt{p}(p\xi_1^3 + 3y_1^2 \xi_1) = y_2 + \sqrt{p}\xi_2$  and see that  $y_2^2 - p\xi_2^2 = (y_1^2 - p\xi_1^2)^3 = -4^3$ .

But  $y_2 = y_1(y_1^2 + 3p\xi_1^2) \equiv y_1(y_1^2 - \xi_1^2) \pmod{8}$ .  $(y_1^2, \xi_1^2) \equiv (1, 1) \pmod{8} \Rightarrow y_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ .  $(y_1^2, \xi_1^2) \equiv (0, 4)$  or  $(4, 0) \pmod{8} \Rightarrow y_2 \equiv 4 \cdot 4, 0 \cdot 4$  or  $\pm 2 \cdot 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ . So in any case  $y_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ .

Similarly  $\xi_2 = \xi_1(p\xi_1^2 + 3y_1^2) \equiv \xi_1(5\xi_1^2 + 3y_1^2) \pmod{8}$ .  $(y_1^2, \xi_1^2) \equiv (1, 1) \pmod{8} \Rightarrow \xi_2 \equiv \xi_2(5 + 3) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ .  $(y_1^2, \xi_1^2) \equiv (0, 4)$  or  $(4, 0) \pmod{8} \Rightarrow \xi_2 \equiv \pm 2 \cdot 4, 0 \cdot 4$  or  $4 \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ . So in any case  $\xi_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ .

So  $8 \mid y_2, \xi_2$  and thus, writing  $y_3 = \frac{y_2}{8}, \xi_3 = \frac{\xi_2}{8} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we get  $(y_3^2 - p\xi_3^2) = \frac{-4^3}{8^2} = -1$ . As in the case where  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , writing  $(y_3 \pm \sqrt{p}\xi_3)^2 = a \pm b\sqrt{p}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(x, y) = (a, b)$  is a solution of (3.1). Summarizing, we get a solution from

$$(a, b) = \left( \frac{1}{64}((g(1)^3 + \frac{3f(1)^2 g(1)}{p})^2 + p(\frac{f(1)^3}{p^2} + 3\frac{g(1)^2 f(1)}{p})^2), \frac{1}{32}(g(1)^3 + 3\frac{f(1)^2 g(1)}{p})(\frac{f(1)^3}{p^2} + 3\frac{g(1)^2 f(1)}{p}) \right)$$

**Case 2:**  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Let  $l = \frac{p-1}{2}$ .  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow l$  is odd. We see that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(q_1(x) + q_{-1}(x)) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq k < p \\ \left(\frac{k}{p}\right)=1}} (x - \zeta^k) +$

$\prod_{\substack{1 \leq k < p \\ \left(\frac{k}{p}\right)=-1}} (x - \zeta^k)$ .  $f$  is of degree  $l$ . We shall find a relation amongst the coefficients of  $f$  by

comparing  $f(\zeta)$  and  $f(\bar{\zeta}) = \overline{f(\zeta)}$  (since  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ). Trivially  $\left(\frac{1}{p}\right) = 1$ , so  $\prod_{\substack{1 \leq k < p \\ \left(\frac{k}{p}\right)=1}} (\zeta - \zeta^k) = 0$

and so  $f(\zeta) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq k < p \\ \left(\frac{k}{p}\right)=-1}} (\zeta - \zeta^k)$ . Also note that  $\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = -1$ , and so  $\left(\frac{k}{p}\right) = -\left(\frac{-k}{p}\right)$  for

all  $1 \leq k \leq p-1$ . So  $f(\zeta) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq k < p \\ \left(\frac{k}{p}\right)=1}} (\zeta - \zeta^{-k})$ . By the same line of reasoning,  $f(\bar{\zeta}) = f(\zeta^{-1}) =$