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$$p \geq 3 \quad x^2 \equiv b \pmod{p}$$

$$a) \quad x^2 \equiv b \pmod{p^e} \quad e \geq 1$$

$$b) \quad x = a, \quad x^2 \equiv b \pmod{p^e} \quad , \quad \beta = a \pmod{p}$$

$$c) \quad \text{prove } \beta \equiv \beta' \pmod{p^e}$$

We can solve a, b, and c at the same time using induction on the variables above. It does really make sense why they split up this question.

$$w \equiv \beta \pmod{p^e}$$

There are many solutions for  $e+1$  so

$w = \beta + yp^e$  we need to show  $y \pmod{p}$  is unique the solution would be  $x^2 \equiv b \pmod{p^{e+1}}$ .

Since  $x^2 \equiv b \pmod{p^e}$  then  $\beta^2 \equiv b + p^e B$ .

Substitute  $w = \beta + yp^e$  into the congruence. & solve for  $y$ .

$$(\beta + yp^e)^2 \equiv b \pmod{p^{e+1}}$$

$$\beta^2 + 2\beta yp^e \equiv b \pmod{p^{e+1}}$$

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$$b + p^e B + 2\beta yp^e \equiv b \pmod{p^{e+1}}$$

$$p^e(B + 2\beta y) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{e+1}} \quad \text{Finally...}$$

So solve  $B + 2\beta y \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

as a result from using above variables

$$y \equiv \frac{p-1}{2} \beta \pmod{p} \quad \text{which satisfies } e \geq 1$$

which gives us  $\beta^2 \equiv b \pmod{p^e}$  and  $\beta \equiv a \pmod{p}$

d) It depends on the  $e$  that we are given. When  $e = 1$  then...