



# Sets with Even Partition Functions and 2-adic Integers, II

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## Abstract

For  $P \in \mathbb{F}_2[z]$  with  $P(0) = 1$  and  $\deg(P) \geq 1$ , let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(P)$  be the unique subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{n \geq 0} p(\mathcal{A}, n)z^n \equiv P(z) \pmod{2}$ , where  $p(\mathcal{A}, n)$  is the number of partitions of  $n$  with parts in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $p$  be an odd prime number, and let  $P$  be irreducible of order  $p$ ; i.e.,  $p$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $P$  divides  $1 + z^p$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[z]$ . N. Baccar proved that the elements of  $\mathcal{A}(P)$  of the form  $2^k m$ , where  $k \geq 0$  and  $m$  is odd, are given by the 2-adic expansion of a zero of some polynomial  $R_m$  with integer coefficients. Let  $s_p$  be the order of 2 modulo  $p$ , i.e., the smallest positive integer such that  $2^{s_p} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Improving on the method with which  $R_m$  was obtained explicitly only when

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$s_p = \frac{p-1}{2}$ , here we make explicit  $R_m$  when  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{3}$ . For that, we have used the number of points of the elliptic curve  $x^3 + ay^3 = 1$  modulo  $p$ .

## 1 Introduction.

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of positive integers, and let  $\mathcal{A} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$  be a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $p(\mathcal{A}, n)$  be the number of partitions of  $n$  with parts in  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e., the number of solutions of the diophantine equation

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots = n \quad (1)$$

in non-negative integers  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ . By convention,  $p(\mathcal{A}, 0) = 1$  and  $p(\mathcal{A}, n) = 0$  for all  $n < 0$ . The generating series of  $p(\mathcal{A}, n)$  is

$$F_{\mathcal{A}}(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(\mathcal{A}, n)z^n = \prod_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{1 - z^a}. \quad (2)$$

Let  $\mathbb{F}_2$  be the field with two elements and  $P(z) = 1 + \epsilon_1z + \dots + \epsilon_Nz^N \in \mathbb{F}_2[z]$ ,  $N \geq 1$ . J.-L. Nicolas, I. Z. Ruzsa and A. Sárközy [10] proved that there exists a unique set  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(P)$  satisfying

$$F_{\mathcal{A}}(z) \equiv P(z) \pmod{2}, \quad (3)$$

which means that

$$p(\mathcal{A}, n) \equiv \epsilon_n \pmod{2} \text{ for } 1 \leq n \leq N \quad (4)$$

and  $p(\mathcal{A}, n)$  is even for all  $n > N$ . Indeed, for  $n = 1$ ,

$$p(\mathcal{A}, 1) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 1 \in \mathcal{A}; \\ 0, & \text{if } 1 \notin \mathcal{A}. \end{cases}$$

and so, by (4),

$$1 \in \mathcal{A} \Leftrightarrow \epsilon_1 = 1.$$

Further, assume that we know  $\mathcal{A}_{n-1} = \mathcal{A} \cap \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ ; since there exists only one partition of  $n$  containing the part  $n$ , then

$$p(\mathcal{A}, n) = p(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}, n) + \chi(\mathcal{A}, n),$$

where  $\chi(\mathcal{A}, \cdot)$  is the characteristic function of the set  $\mathcal{A}$ , i.e.,

$$\chi(\mathcal{A}, n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \in \mathcal{A}; \\ 0, & \text{if } n \notin \mathcal{A}, \end{cases}$$

which with (3) allow one to decide whether  $n$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $p$  be an odd prime number, and let  $s_p$  be the order of 2 modulo  $p$ , i.e.,  $s_p$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $p$  divides  $2^{s_p} - 1$ . Let  $P \in \mathbb{F}_2[z]$  be irreducible of order  $p$

( $\text{ord}(P) = p$ ); in other words,  $p$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $P$  divides  $1 + z^p$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[z]$ . N. Baccar and F. Ben Saïd [2] determined the sets  $\mathcal{A}(P)$  for all  $p$  such that  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{2}$ . Moreover, they proved that if  $k \geq 0$  and  $m$  is an odd positive integer, then the elements of  $\mathcal{A}(P)$  of the form  $2^k m$  are given by the 2-adic expansion of some zero of a polynomial  $R_m$  with integer coefficients. N. Baccar [1] extended this last result to any odd prime number  $p$ . Unfortunately, the method used in that paper can make explicit  $R_m$  only when  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{2}$ . In this paper, we will improve on the method given by N. Baccar [1], by introducing elliptic curves, to make  $R_m$  explicit when  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{3}$ . In Section 2, some properties of the polynomial  $R_m$  are exposed. In Section 3, we introduce elliptic curves to compute some cardinalities used in Section 4 to make  $R_1$  explicit, and in Section 5 to get  $R_m$  explicitly for any odd integer  $m \geq 3$ .

Throughout this paper,  $p$  is an odd prime number and  $P$  is some irreducible polynomial in  $\mathbb{F}_2[z]$  of order  $p$ . We also denote by  $s_p$  the order of 2 modulo  $p$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{N}$ , we should write  $a \bmod b$  for the remainder of the euclidean division of  $a$  by  $b$ .

## 2 Some results on the polynomial $R_m$

Let  $p$  be an odd prime. We denote by  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  the group of invertible elements modulo  $p$  and by  $\langle 2 \rangle$  its subgroup generated by 2. We consider the action  $\star$  of  $\langle 2 \rangle$  on the set  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  given by  $a \star n = an$  for all  $a \in \langle 2 \rangle$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . The quotient set will be denoted by  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})/\langle 2 \rangle$  and the orbit of some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  by  $O(n)$ . So, we can write

$$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = O(1) \cup O(g) \cup \dots \cup O(g^{r-1}) \cup O(p),$$

where  $g$  is some generator of  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ ,  $r = \frac{p-1}{s_p}$  is the number of invertible orbits of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$O(g^i) = \{2^j g^i \bmod p : 0 \leq j \leq s_p - 1\}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq r - 1, \quad (5)$$

$$O(p) = \{0\}.$$

Note that for any integer  $t$ ,

$$O(g^t) = O(g^{t \bmod r}). \quad (6)$$

The orbits  $O(n)$  are defined as parts of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ; however, by extension, they are also considered as parts of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

If  $\phi_p$  is the cyclotomic polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  of index  $p$ , then

$$1 + z^p = (1 + z)\phi_p(z).$$

Moreover, one has

$$\phi_p(z) = P_0(z)P_1(z) \cdots P_{r-1}(z),$$

where  $P_0, P_1, \dots$  and  $P_{r-1}$  are the only distinct irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{F}_2[z]$  of the same degree  $s_p$  and all of which are of order  $p$ . For all  $l$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq r - 1$ , let  $\mathcal{A}_l = \mathcal{A}(P_l)$  be the set

obtained from (3). If  $m$  is an odd positive integer, we define the 2-adic integer  $y_l(m)$  by

$$y_l(m) = \chi(\mathcal{A}_l, m) + 2\chi(\mathcal{A}_l, 2m) + 4\chi(\mathcal{A}_l, 4m) + \cdots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \chi(\mathcal{A}_l, 2^k m) 2^k. \quad (7)$$

By computing  $y_l(m) \bmod 2^{k+1}$ , one can deduce  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_l, 2^j m)$  for all  $j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq k$ , and obtain all the elements of  $\mathcal{A}_l$  of the form  $2^j m$ . In [3], some necessary conditions on integers to be in  $\mathcal{A}_l$  were given. For instance:

$$p^2 n \notin \mathcal{A}_l, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (8)$$

$$\text{if } q \text{ is an odd prime in } O(1), \text{ then } qn \notin \mathcal{A}_l, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (9)$$

Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be some field, and let  $u(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n u_j z^j$  and  $v(z) = \sum_{j=0}^t v_j z^j$  be polynomials in  $\mathbb{K}[z]$ . We denote the resultant of  $u$  and  $v$  with respect to  $z$  by  $\text{res}_z(u(z), v(z))$ , and recall the following well known result

**Lemma 1.** (i) *The resultant  $\text{res}_z(u(z), v(z))$  is a homogeneous multivariate polynomial with integer coefficients, of degree  $n+t$  in the  $n+t+2$  variables  $u_i, v_j$ .*

(ii) *If  $u(z)$  is written as  $u(z) = u_n(z - \alpha_1)(z - \alpha_2) \cdots (z - \alpha_n)$  in the splitting field of  $u$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  then*

$$\text{res}_z(u(z), v(z)) = u_n^t \prod_{i=1}^n v(\alpha_i). \quad (10)$$

N. Baccar proved [1] that, for all  $l$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq r-1$ , the 2-adic integers  $y_l(m)$  defined by (7) are the zeros of some polynomial  $R_m$  with integer coefficients and which can be written as the resultant of two polynomials. We mention here that the expressions given in that paper to  $R_m$ , for  $m = 1$  and  $m \geq 3$ , can be encoded in only one. So that we have

**Theorem 2.** ([1]) *1) Let  $m$  be an odd positive integer such that  $m \notin O(p)$  (i.e.,  $\gcd(m, p) = 1$ ), and let  $\delta = \delta(m)$  be the unique integer in  $\{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}$  such that  $m \in O(g^\delta)$ . We define the polynomial  $A_m$  by*

$$A_m(z) = \sum_{h=0}^{r-1} \alpha_h(m) B_h(z), \quad (11)$$

where for all  $h$ ,  $0 \leq h \leq r-1$ ,

$$\alpha_h(m) = \sum_{d | \tilde{m}, d \in O(g^h)} \mu(d), \quad (12)$$

$\tilde{m} = \prod_{q \text{ prime } q|m} q$  is the radical of  $m$  with  $\tilde{1} = 1$ ,  $\mu$  is the Möbius function and  $B_h$  is the polynomial

$$B_h(z) = B_{h,m}(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{s_p-1} z^{(2^j g^{(\delta-h) \bmod r}) \bmod p}. \quad (13)$$

Then, the 2-adic integers  $y_0(m), y_1(m), \dots$  and  $y_{r-1}(m)$  are the zeros of the polynomial  $R_m(y)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}[y]$  defined by the resultant

$$R_m(y) = \text{res}_z(\phi_p(z), my + A_m(z)) \quad (14)$$

and we have

$$R_m(y) = m^{p-1}((y - y_0(m))(y - y_1(m)) \cdots (y - y_{r-1}(m)))^{s_p}. \quad (15)$$

2) The 2-adic integers  $y_0(p), y_1(p), \dots$  and  $y_{r-1}(p)$  are the zeros of the polynomial  $R_1(-py - s_p)$ ; while if  $m = pm'$ ,  $m' \geq 3$  and  $\gcd(m', p) = 1$ , then  $y_0(m), y_1(m), \dots$  and  $y_{r-1}(m)$  are the zeros of the polynomial  $R_{m'}(-py)$  defined by (14).

3) If  $m$  is divisible by  $p^2$  or by some prime  $q$  belonging to  $O(1)$  then we extend the definition (14) to  $R_m(y) = m^{p-1}y^{s_p}$ ; so that  $y_0(m), y_1(m), \dots$  and  $y_{r-1}(m)$  remain zeros of  $R_m$  since, from (8) and (9), they all vanish.

**Remark 3.** Explicit formulas to the polynomials  $R_m$  defined by (14), when  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{2}$ , are given in [1]. Moreover in that paper, it is shown that if  $\theta$  is a certain primitive  $p$ -th root of unity over the 2-adic field  $\mathbb{Q}_2$ , then for all  $l$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq r-1$ ,

$$y_l(1) = -T_l, \quad (16)$$

where, for all  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$T_l = T_{l \bmod 3} = \sum_{k=0}^{s_p-1} \theta^{2^k g^l} = \sum_{j \in O(g^l)} \theta^j. \quad (17)$$

We also mention here that N. Baccar [1] proved that for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$R_m(y) = \prod_{l=0}^{r-1} (my + A_m(\theta^{g^l}))^{s_p}. \quad (18)$$

### 3 Orbits and elliptic curves.

From now on, we keep the above notation and assume that the prime number  $p$  is such that  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{3}$  (the first ones up to 1000 are:  $p = 43, 109, 157, 229, 277, 283, 307, 499, 643, 691, 733, 739, 811, 997$ ). So the number of invertible orbits is  $r = 3$  and

$$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = O(1) \cup O(g) \cup O(g^2) \cup O(p), \quad (19)$$

where  $g$  is some generator of the cyclic group  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ . The order of 2 is  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{3}$ ; if 2 were a square modulo  $p$ , its order should divide  $\frac{p-1}{2}$ , which is impossible. Hence 2 cannot be a square modulo  $p$ , and by Euler criterion,  $p$  has to satisfy  $p \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$ , and, as  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $p \equiv 13, 19 \pmod{24}$ .

**Lemma 4.** For all  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ , let  $O(g^i)$  be the orbit of  $g^i$  defined by (5). Then

$$O(g^i) = \{-g^i, -2g^i, \dots, -2^{s_p-1}g^i\} = \{g^i, g^{i+3}, \dots, g^{i+3(s_p-1)}\}. \quad (20)$$

In particular, 2 is a cube modulo  $p$  and the sub-group generated by 2 is the sub-group of cubes (generated by  $g^3$ ) and contains  $-1$ .

*Proof.* To get the first equality of (20), it suffices to show that  $-1 \in O(1)$ . This follows from  $-1 = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \equiv 2^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$ .

To prove the second equality of (20), one just use the fact that (cf. (6))  $g^3 \in O(1)$ .  $\square$

Let us define the integers  $\ell_{i,j}$ ,  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ , by

$$\ell_{i,j} = |\{t : 0 \leq t \leq s_p - 1, 1 + g^{j+3t} \in O(g^i)\}|. \quad (21)$$

**Remark 5.** As shown just above,  $-1 \in O(1)$ , so that there exists one and only one  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, s_p - 1\}$  such that  $1 + g^{3t} \in O(p)$ . Moreover, for all  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, s_p - 1\}$  and  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $1 + g^{j+3t} \notin O(p)$ . Hence the integers  $\ell_{i,j}$  defined by (21) satisfy

$$\sum_{i=0}^2 \ell_{i,j} = s_p - \delta_{0,j}, \quad (22)$$

where  $\delta_{i,j}$  is the Kronecker symbol given by

$$\delta_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The integers  $\ell_{i,j}$  defined above are cardinalities of some curves. Indeed, let us consider the curve over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ,

$$\mathcal{C}_{i,j} : 1 + g^j X^3 = g^i Y^3$$

and denote by  $c_{i,j}$  its cardinality,  $c_{i,j} = |\mathcal{C}_{i,j}|$ . Since  $-1$  is a cube modulo  $p$ , it is clear that

$$c_{j,i} = c_{i,j}.$$

Using (21) it follows that

$$\ell_{i,j} = |\{(X^3, Y^3) : X \neq 0, Y \neq 0 \text{ and } (X, Y) \in \mathcal{C}_{i,j}\}|.$$

Therefore,

$$\ell_{j,i} = \ell_{i,j}. \quad (23)$$

Note that,  $(X^3, Y^3) = (X'^3, Y'^3)$  if and only if  $X' = Xg^{vs_p}$  and  $Y' = Yg^{ws_p}$  for some  $v, w \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . Moreover, if  $i \neq 0$  (resp.  $j \neq 0$ ), no point on the curve  $\mathcal{C}_{i,j}$  can be of the form  $(0, Y)$  (resp.  $(X, 0)$ ). But if  $i = 0$  (resp.  $j = 0$ ), we obtain three points on the curve  $\mathcal{C}_{i,j}$  with  $X = 0$  (resp.  $Y = 0$ ). Consequently, we obtain the relation

$$c_{i,j} = 9\ell_{i,j} + 3\delta_{i,0} + 3\delta_{0,j}. \quad (24)$$

Now, let us consider the projective plane cubic curve

$$\mathcal{E}_{i,j} : Z^3 + g^j X^3 = g^i Y^3$$

and  $e_{i,j} = |\mathcal{E}_{i,j}|$  its cardinality. If  $i \neq j$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{i,j}$  has no points at infinity; whereas if  $i = j$ , it has three points at infinity. Hence

$$e_{i,j} = c_{i,j} + 3\delta_{i,j}. \quad (25)$$

By multiplying the equation  $Z^3 + gX^3 = gY^3$  by  $g^2$ , we get the curve  $g^2Z^3 + X'^3 = Y'^3$ . So, by permuting the variables, we deduce that  $e_{1,1} = e_{2,0}$ . Similarly, we obtain  $e_{2,2} = e_{1,0}$ . Hence, by (25) and (24) we find that

$$\ell_{1,1} = \ell_{2,0}, \quad (26)$$

$$\ell_{2,2} = \ell_{1,0}. \quad (27)$$

Therefore, from (22), it follows that

$$\ell_{2,1} = \ell_{0,0} + 1. \quad (28)$$

Furthermore, from (25) and (24) we have for all  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 9\ell_{i,0} &= c_{i,0} - 3\delta_{i,0} - 3 \\ &= e_{i,0} - 6\delta_{i,0} - 3. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Hence, to get all the numbers  $\ell_{i,j}$ ,  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ , it suffices to know the values of  $e_{i,0}$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ .

**Computation of  $e_{i,0}$ ,  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .**

Here, we are interested with the curve  $\mathcal{E}_{i,0} : Z^3 + X^3 = g^i Y^3$ . By setting  $X = 9g^i z + 2y$ ,  $Y = 6x$  and  $Z = 9g^i z - 2y$ , we get the Weierstrass's form

$$zy^2 = x^3 - (27/4)g^{2i}z^3,$$

which, when divided by  $z^3$ , gives the form

$$y^2 = x^3 - (27/4)g^{2i}.$$

Let

$$y^2 = x^3 + \alpha x + \beta$$

be the equation of an elliptic curve  $\mathcal{E}$  defined over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . It is well known that the number of points of  $\mathcal{E}$  is equal to

$$|\mathcal{E}| = p + 1 + \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} \left( \frac{x^3 + \alpha x + \beta}{p} \right), \quad (30)$$

where  $\left(\frac{\cdot}{p}\right)$  is the Legendre's symbol. For  $\alpha = 0$ , the sum  $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} \left(\frac{x^3 + \alpha x + \beta}{p}\right)$  was investigated by S. A. Katre [8]. He obtained:

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $p$  be a prime number such that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Then there exist a unique  $L$ ,  $L \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and a unique  $M$  up to a sign such that  $4p = L^2 + 27M^2$ . Moreover, if  $\beta$  is an integer  $\neq 0$  then*

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} \left( \frac{x^3 + \beta}{p} \right) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{\beta}{p} \right) L, & \text{if } 4\beta \text{ is a cube modulo } p; \\ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\beta}{p} \right) (L + 9M), & \text{otherwise, where } M \text{ is chosen uniquely} \\ & \text{by } (4\beta)^{\frac{p-1}{3}} \equiv \frac{L+9M}{L-9M} \pmod{p}. \end{cases}$$

Thanks to Lemma 6, we can give the values of  $e_{i,0}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ .

**Computation of  $e_{0,0}$ .** From (30), since  $-27$  is a cube, by using Lemma 6 with  $\beta = -27/4$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e_{0,0} &= p + 1 + \left( \frac{-27/4}{p} \right) L \\ &= p + 1 + \left( \frac{-27}{p} \right) L \\ &= p + 1 + \left( \frac{-3}{p} \right)^3 L. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  then, by the quadratic reciprocity law,  $-3$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$ . Hence,

$$e_{0,0} = p + 1 + L. \quad (31)$$

**Computation of  $e_{1,0}$ .** If  $\beta = -27g^2/4$  then  $4\beta = -27g^2$  is not a cube modulo  $p$ . Hence, by using Lemma 6 again, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} e_{1,0} &= p + 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-27g^2/4}{p} \right) (L + 9M) \\ &= p + 1 - \frac{1}{2} (L + 9M), \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where the sign of  $M$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (-27g^2)^{(p-1)/3} &\equiv (g^2)^{(p-1)/3} \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv \frac{L + 9M}{L - 9M} \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

**Computation of  $e_{2,0}$ .** Let  $M$  be fixed by last congruence, and let  $\beta = -27g^4/4$ . Since  $(g^4)^{(p-1)/3} \not\equiv (g^2)^{(p-1)/3} \pmod{p}$ , Lemma 6 implies that

$$e_{2,0} = p + 1 - \frac{1}{2} (L - 9M). \quad (33)$$



## 4 The explicit form of $R_1$ when $s_p = \frac{p-1}{3}$ .

First, we remark that the polynomial  $R_1(y)$  given by (14) can also be defined (cf. (15), (16)) by

$$(R_1(y))^{1/s_p} = \prod_{i \in \{0,1,2\}} (y + T_i), \quad (34)$$

where  $\theta \neq 1$  is some  $p$ -th root of unity.

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime such that  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{3}$ . Then the polynomial  $R_1$  given by (14) or (34) is equal to*

$$R_1(y) = (y^3 - y^2 - s_p y + \lambda_p)^{s_p},$$

with

$$\lambda_p = \frac{p(L+3) - 1}{27},$$

where  $L$  is the unique integer satisfying  $4p = L^2 + 27M^2$  and  $L \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

**Remark 8.**  $p(L+3) \equiv 1 \pmod{27}$  follows easily from the congruences  $L \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $p \equiv L^2 \pmod{27}$ .

*Proof of Theorem 7.* From (34), we have

$$R_1(y) = \left( (y + T_0)(y + T_1)(y + T_2) \right)^{s_p}.$$

This can be written as

$$R_1(y) = \left( y^3 + \lambda_p'' y^2 + \lambda_p' y + \lambda_p \right)^{s_p},$$

with

$$\lambda_p = T_0 T_1 T_2, \quad (35)$$

$$\lambda_p' = T_0 T_1 + T_0 T_2 + T_1 T_2, \quad (36)$$

$$\lambda_p'' = T_0 + T_1 + T_2.$$

We begin by calculating  $\lambda_p''$ . It follows immediately from (17) and (19) that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_p'' &= T_0 + T_1 + T_2 \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{k=0}^{s_p-1} \theta^{2^k g^i} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \theta^j \\ &= -1, \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

since cf. Remark 3,  $\theta$  is a primitive  $p$ -th root of unity.

Now, let us prove that  $\lambda'_p = -s_p$ . From (36) and (17), we have

$$\lambda'_p = \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k g + 2^{k'} g^2} + \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k g^2 + 2^{k'}} + \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k g + 2^{k'}}. \quad (38)$$

To treat the last sum in (38), let us fix  $k$  and  $k'$  in  $\{0, 1, \dots, s_p - 1\}$ . We have  $\theta^{2^k g + 2^{k'}} = \theta^{2^{k'}(1 + 2^{k-k'}g)}$ . Since  $2^{k-k'}g \in O(g)$  then, from the second equality in (20), there exists a unique  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, s_p - 1\}$  such that  $2^{k-k'}g = g^{1+3t}$ . Hence, the last sum in (38) becomes

$$\sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k g + 2^{k'}} = \sum_{0 \leq k', t \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^{k'}(1 + g^{1+3t})}. \quad (39)$$

For the first and second sums in (38), arguing as above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k g^2 + 2^{k'}} &= \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^{k'}(1 + 2^{k-k'}g^2)} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k', t \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^{k'}(1 + g^{2+3t})} \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k g + 2^{k'} g^2} &= \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k(g + 2^{k'-k}g^2)} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k, t \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k(g + g^{2+3t})}. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Now, from (21), (26), (27), (17) and Remark 5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k', t \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^{k'}(1 + g^{1+3t})} &= \sum_{i=0}^2 \ell_{i,1} T_i \\ &= \ell_{1,0} T_0 + \ell_{2,0} T_1 + \ell_{2,1} T_2 \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k', t \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^{k'}(1 + g^{2+3t})} &= \sum_{i=0}^2 \ell_{i,2} T_i \\ &= \ell_{2,0} T_0 + \ell_{2,1} T_1 + \ell_{1,0} T_2. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

On the other hand, since for all  $v \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq i, j \leq 2$ ,

$$1 + g^{j+3t} \in O(g^i) \iff g^v + g^{v+j+3t} \in O(g^{v+i}),$$

again by (21), (26), (17) and Remark 5, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k, t \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k(g+g^{2+3t})} &= \sum_{i=0}^2 \ell_{i,1} T_{1+i} \\ &= \ell_{2,1} T_0 + \ell_{1,0} T_1 + \ell_{2,0} T_2. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Clearly, from (22) and (28), one can deduce that

$$\ell_{1,0} + \ell_{2,0} + \ell_{2,1} = s_p, \quad (45)$$

which, by (38)-(44) and (37), gives

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda'_p &= s_p (T_0 + T_1 + T_2) \\ &= s_p \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \theta^j \\ &= -s_p. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

Finally, let us calculate  $\lambda_p$ . From (35) and (17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_p &= \sum_{0 \leq k, k', k'' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}g + 2^{k''}g^2} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k} \left( \sum_{0 \leq k', k'' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^{k'}g + 2^{k''}g^2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

Hence, by (41), (44) and (17), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_p &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k} \left( \ell_{2,1} \sum_{j \in O(1)} \theta^j + \ell_{1,0} \sum_{j \in O(g)} \theta^j + \ell_{2,0} \sum_{j \in O(g^2)} \theta^j \right) \\ &= \ell_{2,1} \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}} + \ell_{1,0} \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}g} + \ell_{2,0} \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}g^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, from (39), (42), (40) and (43), it happens that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_p &= \ell_{2,1} \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}} + (\ell_{1,0}^2 + \ell_{2,0}^2) T_0 + (\ell_{1,0} \ell_{2,0} + \ell_{2,0} \ell_{2,1}) T_1 \\ &\quad + (\ell_{1,0} \ell_{2,1} + \ell_{1,0} \ell_{2,0}) T_2. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Since  $2^{k'-k} \in O(1) = O(g^3)$  then, cf. (20), there exists a unique  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, s_p - 1\}$  such that  $2^{k'-k} = g^{3t}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}} &= \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k(1+2^{k'-k})} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq k, t \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k(1+g^{3t})}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we recall that cf. Remark 5 there exists one and only one  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, s_p - 1\}$  satisfying  $1 + g^{3t} \in O(p)$ . Consequently, by (21) and (17), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}} &= \sum_{0 \leq k, t \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k(1+g^{3t})} \\ &= \ell_{0,0}T_0 + \ell_{1,0}T_1 + \ell_{2,0}T_2 + s_p. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Hence, (48) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_p &= (\ell_{1,0}^2 + \ell_{2,0}^2 + \ell_{0,0}\ell_{2,1})T_0 + (\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,0} + \ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1})T_1 \\ &\quad + (\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,0} + \ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1})T_2 + \ell_{2,1}s_p. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

On the other hand, from (47), by changing the order of summation,  $\lambda_p$  can be written as

$$\lambda_p = \sum_{0 \leq k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^{k'}g} \left( \sum_{0 \leq k, k'' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k''}g^2} \right)$$

and we get in the way as above

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_p &= (\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,0} + \ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1})T_0 + (\ell_{1,0}^2 + \ell_{2,0}^2 + \ell_{0,0}\ell_{2,1})T_1 \\ &\quad + (\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,0} + \ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1})T_2 + \ell_{2,1}s_p \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Whereas, if we write  $\lambda_p$  in the form

$$\lambda_p = \sum_{0 \leq k'' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^{k''}g^2} \left( \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p - 1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}g} \right),$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_p &= (\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,0} + \ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1})T_0 + (\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,0} + \ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1})T_1 \\ &\quad + (\ell_{1,0}^2 + \ell_{2,0}^2 + \ell_{0,0}\ell_{2,1})T_2 + \ell_{2,1}s_p. \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

By summing (50), (51) and (52), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 3\lambda_p &= (\ell_{1,0}^2 + \ell_{2,0}^2 + 2\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,0} + 2\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1} + 2\ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{0,0}\ell_{2,1}) \times \\ &\quad (T_0 + T_1 + T_2) + 3\ell_{2,1}s_p. \end{aligned}$$

But, according to (37),  $T_0 + T_1 + T_2 = -1$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} 3\lambda_p &= -(\ell_{1,0}^2 + \ell_{2,0}^2 + 2\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,0} + 2\ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1} + 2\ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{0,0}\ell_{2,1}) + 3\ell_{2,1}s_p \\ &= -((\ell_{1,0} + \ell_{2,0})^2 + \ell_{1,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{2,0}\ell_{2,1} + \ell_{2,1}(\ell_{0,0} + \ell_{1,0} + \ell_{2,0})) + 3\ell_{2,1}s_p. \end{aligned}$$

So that, from (45) and (22), we obtain

$$3\lambda_p = -(s_p - \ell_{2,1})^2 - \ell_{2,1}(s_p - \ell_{2,1}) - \ell_{2,1}(s_p - 1) + 3\ell_{2,1}s_p,$$

which gives  $\lambda_p = \frac{(3s_p+1)\ell_{2,1}-s_p^2}{3} = \frac{p\ell_{2,1}-s_p^2}{3}$ . Finally, using the value of  $\ell_{2,1}$ :

$$\ell_{2,1} = \frac{1}{9}(p+1+L) \quad (53)$$

which follows from (28), (29) and (31), we complete the proof of Theorem 7.  $\square$

In the following table we give  $L$ ,  $g$ ,  $M$  and  $R_1(y)$  when  $p \leq 1000$ .

$p$	$L$	$g$	$M$	$R_1(y)$
43	-8	3	-2	$(y^3 - y^2 - 14y - 8)^{14}$
109	-2	6	4	$(y^3 - y^2 - 36y + 4)^{36}$
157	-14	5	4	$(y^3 - y^2 - 52y - 64)^{52}$
229	22	6	4	$(y^3 - y^2 - 76y + 212)^{76}$
277	-26	5	-4	$(y^3 - y^2 - 92y - 236)^{92}$
283	-32	3	-2	$(y^3 - y^2 - 94y - 304)^{94}$
307	16	5	-6	$(y^3 - y^2 - 102y + 216)^{102}$
499	-32	7	-6	$(y^3 - y^2 - 166y - 536)^{166}$
643	40	11	6	$(y^3 - y^2 - 214y + 1024)^{214}$
691	-8	3	10	$(y^3 - y^2 - 230y - 128)^{230}$
733	-50	6	4	$(y^3 - y^2 - 244y - 1276)^{244}$
739	16	3	10	$(y^3 - y^2 - 246y + 520)^{246}$
811	-56	3	-2	$(y^3 - y^2 - 270y - 1592)^{270}$
997	10	7	-12	$(y^3 - y^2 - 332y + 480)^{332}$

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## 5 The explicit form of $R_m$ when $s_p = \frac{p-1}{3}$ and $m \geq 3$ .

We remind that if  $m \in O(p)$  or  $m$  is divisible by some prime  $q$  belonging to  $O(1)$ , then the polynomial  $R_m$  is given by Theorem 2, 2) and 3). Let  $m$  be an odd integer  $\geq 3$  such that all its prime divisors are in  $O(g) \cup O(g^2)$ . For  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , we denote by  $\omega_i$  the arithmetic function which counts the number of distinct prime divisors belonging to  $O(g^i)$  of an integer, i.e.,

$$\omega_i(n) = \sum_{q \text{ prime}, q \in O(g^i), q|n} 1. \quad (54)$$

Let the decomposition of  $m$  into irreducible factors be

$$m = q_{1,1}^{\gamma_{1,1}} q_{1,2}^{\gamma_{1,2}} \cdots q_{1,\omega_1}^{\gamma_{1,\omega_1}} q_{2,1}^{\gamma_{2,1}} q_{2,2}^{\gamma_{2,2}} \cdots q_{2,\omega_2}^{\gamma_{2,\omega_2}}, \quad (55)$$

where  $\omega_i = \omega_i(m)$ ,  $\omega = \omega(m) = \omega_1 + \omega_2$  and  $q_{i,j} \in O(g^i)$ .

We shall begin with some result concerning binomial coefficients:

**Lemma 9.** For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 2$ ,

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{3k+j} (-1)^{k+j} = 2 \cdot 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{6} + \frac{2j\pi}{3}\right). \quad (56)$$

*Proof.* Let  $z_1 = e^{(2i\pi)/3}$  and  $z_2 = e^{(4i\pi)/3}$  be the two cubic primitive roots of unity, and let  $f(z) = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_k z^k$  be some convergent power series. Since for all  $j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 2$ ,

$$\frac{1 + z_1^{n-j} + z_2^{n-j}}{3} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \equiv j \pmod{3}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

it follows that

$$\frac{f(z) + \frac{1}{z_1^j} f(z_1 z) + \frac{1}{z_2^j} f(z_2 z)}{3} = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_{3k+j} z^{3k+j}.$$

Hence, defining  $g_j(z)$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 2$ , by

$$g_j(z) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{3k+j} z^{3k+j},$$

and taking  $f(z) = (1+z)^n$ , we get

$$g_j(z) = \frac{f(z) + \frac{1}{z_1^j} f(z_1 z) + \frac{1}{z_2^j} f(z_2 z)}{3}.$$

By making the substitution  $z = -1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g_j(-1) &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{3k+j} (-1)^{k+j} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{z_1^j} (1-z_1)^n + \frac{1}{z_2^j} (1-z_2)^n}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{z_1^j} \left( \frac{3-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^n + \frac{1}{z_2^j} \left( \frac{3+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^n \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

To get (56), we need only transform the right hand-side of the last equality.  $\square$

**Corollary 10.** *Let  $m$  be an odd integer  $\geq 3$  of the form (55), and let  $\alpha_h(m)$  be the quantity defined by (12). For all  $h$ ,  $0 \leq h \leq 2$ , we have*

$$\alpha_h(m) = \eta(m) \cos \left( (\omega_2 - \omega_1) \frac{\pi}{6} + 4h \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \quad (57)$$

where

$$\eta(m) = 2 \cdot 3^{\frac{m}{2}-1}. \quad (58)$$

*Proof.* From (12), for all  $h$ ,  $0 \leq h \leq 2$ , we have

$$\alpha_h(m) = \sum_{d | \tilde{m}, d \in O(g^h)} \mu(d).$$

First, let us suppose that  $\omega_1 \neq 0$  and  $\omega_2 \neq 0$ . By (54) and (55), we obtain that for all  $h$ ,  $0 \leq h \leq 2$ ,

$$\alpha_h(m) = \sum_{i_1=0}^{\omega_1} (-1)^{i_1} \binom{\omega_1}{i_1} \sum_{\substack{i_2=0 \\ i_2 \equiv i_1 + 2h \pmod{3}}}^{\omega_2} (-1)^{i_2} \binom{\omega_2}{i_2}.$$

So that, by (56), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_h(m) &= \sum_{i_1=0}^{\omega_1} (-1)^{i_1} \binom{\omega_1}{i_1} 2 \cdot 3^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}-1} \cos\left(\frac{\omega_2\pi}{6} + \frac{2(i_1+2h)\pi}{3}\right) \\ &= 2 \cdot 3^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}-1} \sum_{j=0}^2 \cos\left(\frac{\omega_2\pi}{6} + \frac{2(j+2h)\pi}{3}\right) \sum_{\substack{i_1=0 \\ i_1 \equiv j \pmod{3}}}^{\omega_1} (-1)^{i_1} \binom{\omega_1}{i_1},\end{aligned}$$

which, by (56) again, gives

$$\alpha_h(m) = 4 \cdot 3^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}-2} \sum_{j=0}^2 \cos\left(\frac{\omega_2\pi}{6} + \frac{2(j+2h)\pi}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\omega_1\pi}{6} + \frac{2j\pi}{3}\right).$$

Consequently, to get (57), one need only use the elementary trigonometric formulas

$$\cos a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(a+b) + \cos(a-b)) \text{ for all } a \text{ and } b \text{ in } \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$\cos c + \cos\left(c + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + \cos\left(c + \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) = 0, \text{ for all } c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In case  $\omega_1 =$  or  $\omega_2 = 0$ , (57) follows immediately from (56).  $\square$

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $m$  be an odd integer  $\geq 3$  of the form (55). Let  $\eta(m)$  be as defined in (58), and let  $R_m$  be the polynomial given by (14). Then*

$$R_m(y) = \left(m^3 y^3 - \frac{3}{4} p m \eta^2(m) y + \nu_p\right)^{s_p}, \quad (59)$$

with

$$\nu_p = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8} (-1)^{\frac{\omega_2-\omega_1}{2}} p \eta^3(m) L, & \text{if } \omega_2 - \omega_1 \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} (-1)^{\frac{\omega_2-\omega_1-1}{2}} p \eta^3(m) M, & \text{if } \omega_2 - \omega_1 \text{ is odd,} \end{cases} \quad (60)$$

where  $L$  and  $M$  are the unique integers satisfying  $4p = L^2 + 27M^2$ ,  $L \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $(g^2)^{(p-1)/3} \equiv \frac{L+9M}{L-9M} \pmod{p}$ .

*Proof.* From (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned}R_m(y) &= \prod_{l=0}^2 \left(my + A_m(\theta^{g^l})\right)^{s_p} \\ &= \left(m^3 y^3 + m^2 \nu_p'' y^2 + m \nu_p' y + \nu_p\right)^{s_p},\end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

where

$$\nu_p'' = A_m(\theta) + A_m(\theta^g) + A_m(\theta^{g^2}), \quad (62)$$

$$\nu'_p = A_m(\theta)A_m(\theta^g) + A_m(\theta)A_m(\theta^{g^2}) + A_m(\theta^g)A_m(\theta^{g^2}) \quad (63)$$

and

$$\nu_p = A_m(\theta)A_m(\theta^g)A_m(\theta^{g^2}). \quad (64)$$

Recall that cf. Theorem 2,  $\delta$  is the unique integer in  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  such that  $m \in O(g^\delta)$ . So that from (11)-(13) and (17), we get for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

$$A_m(\theta^{g^i}) = \sum_{h=0}^2 \alpha_h(m)T_{\delta-h+i}. \quad (65)$$

**Computation of  $\nu''_p$ .**

From (65) and (62) we deduce that

$$\nu''_p = \left( \alpha_0(m) + \alpha_1(m) + \alpha_2(m) \right) \left( T_0 + T_1 + T_2 \right).$$

Since  $\gcd(m, p) = 1$  and  $m \neq 1$ , it follows immediately from (12) and (19) that

$$\alpha_0(m) + \alpha_1(m) + \alpha_2(m) = \sum_{d|\tilde{m}} \mu(d) = 0 \quad (66)$$

and thus  $\nu''_p = 0$ .

**Computation of  $\nu'_p$ .**

From (61), to prove (59) it suffices to show (60) and that  $\nu'_p = \frac{-3}{4}p\eta^2(m)$ . By (63) and (65), we have

$$\nu'_p = \sum_{k=0}^2 \sum_{h=0}^k \alpha_h(m)\alpha_k(m)U(h, k)$$

with

$$U(h, h) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \{(0,1), (0,2), (1,2)\}} T_{\delta-h+i}T_{\delta-h+j}$$

and, for  $h < k$ ,

$$U(h, k) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \{(0,1), (0,2), (1,2)\}} (T_{\delta-h+i}T_{\delta-k+j} + T_{\delta-k+i}T_{\delta-h+j}).$$

Observing that, for  $0 \leq \delta, h, k \leq 2$ ,  $U(h, k)$  does not depend on  $\delta$  and is equal to  $T_0T_1 + T_0T_2 + T_1T_2$  when  $h = k$  and to  $T_0T_1 + T_0T_2 + T_1T_2 + T_0^2 + T_1^2 + T_2^2$  when  $h < k$ , we obtain

$$\nu'_p = \beta(m) \left( T_0^2 + T_1^2 + T_2^2 \right) + \beta'(m) \left( T_0T_1 + T_0T_2 + T_1T_2 \right), \quad (67)$$

where

$$\beta(m) = \alpha_0(m)\alpha_1(m) + \alpha_0(m)\alpha_2(m) + \alpha_1(m)\alpha_2(m)$$



and

$$\beta'(m) = \alpha_0^2(m) + \alpha_1^2(m) + \alpha_2^2(m) + \beta(m).$$

From (57), it is easy to check that

$$\beta(m) = -\frac{3}{4}\eta^2(m).$$

By (66), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta'(m) &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^2 \alpha_i(m) \right)^2 - 2\beta(m) + \beta(m) \\ &= -\beta(m) \\ &= \frac{3}{4}\eta^2(m). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using (17), we get

$$T_0^2 + T_1^2 + T_2^2 = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{s_p-1} \theta^{2^k} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{k=0}^{s_p-1} \theta^{2^k g} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{k=0}^{s_p-1} \theta^{2^k g^2} \right)^2.$$

The first sum in the last equality is, by (49), equal to

$$\begin{aligned} T_0^2 &= \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p-1} \theta^{2^k + 2^{k'}} \\ &= \ell_{0,0}T_0 + \ell_{1,0}T_1 + \ell_{2,0}T_2 + s_p. \end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

Similarly, for the second and third sums, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T_1^2 &= \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p-1} \theta^{2^k g + 2^{k'} g} \\ &= \ell_{0,0}T_1 + \ell_{1,0}T_2 + \ell_{2,0}T_0 + s_p \end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_2^2 &= \sum_{0 \leq k, k' \leq s_p-1} \theta^{2^k g^2 + 2^{k'} g^2} \\ &= \ell_{0,0}T_2 + \ell_{1,0}T_0 + \ell_{2,0}T_1 + s_p. \end{aligned} \tag{70}$$

Consequently,

$$T_0^2 + T_1^2 + T_2^2 = 3s_p + (\ell_{0,0} + \ell_{1,0} + \ell_{2,0})(T_0 + T_1 + T_2).$$

So that, by (22) and (37), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_0^2 + T_1^2 + T_2^2 &= 3s_p - (s_p - 1) \\ &= 2s_p + 1. \end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

Therefore, with the use of (67), (36) and the fact that  $s_p = \frac{p-1}{3}$ , we obtain

$$\nu'_p = -\frac{3}{4}p\eta^2(m).$$

### Computation of $\nu_p$ .

By (64) and (65), we obtain

$$\nu_p = \sum_{h,k,t \in \{0,1,2\}} \alpha_h(m)\alpha_k(m)\alpha_t(m)T_{\delta-h}T_{\delta-k+1}T_{\delta-t+2}$$

and by observing the 27 terms of the expansion of the above sum, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_p &= \gamma_1(m) \left( T_0T_1^2 + T_1T_2^2 + T_2T_0^2 \right) + \gamma_2(m) \left( T_0T_2^2 + T_1T_0^2 + T_2T_1^2 \right) \\ &+ \gamma_3(m) \left( T_0^3 + T_1^3 + T_2^3 \right) + \gamma_4(m)T_0T_1T_2, \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

where

$$\gamma_1(m) = \alpha_0^2(m)\alpha_1(m) + \alpha_0(m)\alpha_2^2(m) + \alpha_1^2(m)\alpha_2(m), \quad (73)$$

$$\gamma_2(m) = \alpha_0^2(m)\alpha_2(m) + \alpha_0(m)\alpha_1^2(m) + \alpha_1(m)\alpha_2^2(m), \quad (74)$$

$$\gamma_3(m) = \alpha_0(m)\alpha_1(m)\alpha_2(m) \quad (75)$$

and

$$\gamma_4(m) = \alpha_0^3(m) + \alpha_1^3(m) + \alpha_2^3(m) + 3\gamma_3(m). \quad (76)$$

Using (68)-(70), we get

$$T_0^3 = \ell_{0,0}T_0^2 + \ell_{1,0}T_0T_1 + \ell_{2,0}T_0T_2 + s_pT_0,$$

$$T_1^3 = \ell_{0,0}T_1^2 + \ell_{1,0}T_1T_2 + \ell_{2,0}T_0T_1 + s_pT_1$$

and

$$T_2^3 = \ell_{0,0}T_2^2 + \ell_{1,0}T_0T_2 + \ell_{2,0}T_1T_2 + s_pT_2.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} T_0^3 + T_1^3 + T_2^3 &= s_p \left( T_0 + T_1 + T_2 \right) + \ell_{0,0} \left( T_0^2 + T_1^2 + T_2^2 \right) \\ &+ (\ell_{1,0} + \ell_{2,0}) \left( T_0T_1 + T_0T_2 + T_1T_2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

So that, from (37), (71) and (36), we get

$$T_0^3 + T_1^3 + T_2^3 = -s_p + \ell_{0,0}(2s_p + 1) - (\ell_{1,0} + \ell_{2,0})s_p,$$

which, by (22), gives

$$\begin{aligned} T_0^3 + T_1^3 + T_2^3 &= \ell_{0,0}(3s_p + 1) - s_p^2 \\ &= p\ell_{0,0} - s_p^2. \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

Similarly, by again using (68)-(70), we obtain

$$T_0^2 T_1 + T_0 T_2^2 + T_1^2 T_2 = p\ell_{1,0} - s_p^2 \quad (78)$$

and

$$T_0^2 T_2 + T_0 T_1^2 + T_1 T_2^2 = p\ell_{2,0} - s_p^2. \quad (79)$$

Using (73)-(75) and (57), it is easy to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1(m) &= \frac{3}{4}\eta^3(m) \cos\left((\omega_2 - \omega_1)\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{4\pi}{3}\right), \\ \gamma_2(m) &= \frac{3}{4}\eta^3(m) \cos\left((\omega_2 - \omega_1)\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\gamma_3(m) = \frac{1}{4}\eta^3(m) \cos\left((\omega_2 - \omega_1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

Since, cf. (66),  $\alpha_0(m) + \alpha_1(m) + \alpha_2(m) = 0$ , from (76) we find that

$$\gamma_4(m) = -\gamma_1(m) - \gamma_2(m) + 3\gamma_3(m).$$

Therefore,

$$\gamma_4(m) = \frac{3}{2}\eta^3(m) \cos\left((\omega_2 - \omega_1)\frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

Note that if  $w_2 - w_1$  is even then

$$\gamma_1(m) = \gamma_2(m) = -\frac{3}{2}\gamma_3(m) = -\frac{1}{4}\gamma_4(m) = -\frac{3}{8}\eta^3(m) (-1)^{\frac{w_2-w_1}{2}};$$

while if  $w_2 - w_1$  is odd then

$$\gamma_1(m) = -\gamma_2(m) = -\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}\eta^3(m)(-1)^{\frac{w_2-w_1+1}{2}}, \quad \gamma_3(m) = 0, \quad \gamma_4(m) = 0.$$

For  $w_2 - w_1$  even, from (72), (77)-(79) and (28), we get

$$\nu_p = \frac{1}{8}(-1)^{\frac{w_2-w_1}{2}} p\eta^3(m) (9\ell_{2,1} - p - 1).$$

For  $w_2 - w_1$  odd, from (72) and (77)-(79), we get

$$\nu_p = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}(-1)^{\frac{w_2-w_1+1}{2}} p\eta^3(m) (\ell_{1,0} - \ell_{2,0}).$$

By (29), (32) and (33), we have

$$\ell_{1,0} - \ell_{2,0} = -M.$$

Lastly, for  $w_2 - w_1$  even (resp. odd), (60) follows from (53) (resp. the last equality).  $\square$

**Example:**  $p = 43$ .

As an explicit example, let us consider the case  $p = 43$ . Then

$$1 + z^{43} = (1 + z)P_1(z)P_2(z)P_3(z),$$

where  $P_1(z) = z^{14} + z^{12} + z^{10} + z^7 + z^4 + z^2 + 1$ ,  $P_2(z) = z^{14} + z^{11} + z^{10} + z^9 + z^8 + z^7 + z^6 + z^5 + z^4 + z^3 + 1$  and  $P_3(z) = z^{14} + z^{13} + z^{11} + z^7 + z^3 + z + 1$  are the only irreducible polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_2[z]$  of order 43. For  $1 \leq l \leq 3$ , let  $\mathcal{A}(P_l)$  be the unique set defined by (3). For  $m \geq 1$ , let  $\mathcal{A}(P_l)_m$  denote the set of the elements of  $\mathcal{A}(P_l)$  of the form  $2^k m$ . We give below the description of the sets  $\mathcal{A}(P_l)_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}(P_l)_3$ ;  $1 \leq l \leq 3$ .

Since  $p = 43$  then  $g = 3$  is a generator of the cyclic group  $(\mathbb{Z}/43\mathbb{Z})^*$ . Let  $L$  and  $M$  be the unique integers satisfying  $4p = 172 = L^2 + 27M^2$ ,  $L \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $(g^2)^{(p-1)/3} = (3^2)^{14} \equiv \frac{L+9M}{L-9M} \pmod{43}$ . Hence,  $L = -8$ ,  $M = -2$ ,  $R_1(y) = (y^3 - y^2 - 14y - 8)^{14}$  and  $R_3(y) = (27y^3 - 129y + 86)^{14}$ .

By using the function polrootspadic of PARI, the 2-adic expansions of the zeros of the polynomial  $R_1(y)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} &2^2 + 2^3 + 2^6 + 2^{10} + 2^{13} + 2^{17} + 2^{18} + 2^{20} + 2^{22} + 2^{25} + 2^{27} + 2^{29} + 2^{30} + 2^{32} + 2^{33} + 2^{36} + \dots \\ &2 + 2^4 + 2^6 + 2^7 + 2^{10} + 2^{15} + 2^{16} + 2^{19} + 2^{20} + 2^{23} + 2^{26} + 2^{27} + 2^{31} + 2^{34} + 2^{35} + \dots \\ &1 + 2 + 2^5 + 2^6 + 2^7 + 2^9 + 2^{10} + 2^{12} + 2^{14} + 2^{20} + 2^{24} + 2^{27} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and the 2-adic expansions of the zeros of the polynomial  $R_3(y)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} &1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + 2^6 + 2^7 + 2^{12} + 2^{17} + 2^{18} + 2^{19} + 2^{20} + 2^{21} + 2^{25} + 2^{27} + 2^{31} + 2^{32} + 2^{35} + 2^{36} + \dots \\ &1 + 2^2 + 2^5 + 2^7 + 2^{10} + 2^{13} + 2^{14} + 2^{19} + 2^{20} + 2^{22} + 2^{23} + 2^{24} + 2^{25} + 2^{27} + 2^{29} + 2^{34} + \dots \\ &2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + 2^5 + 2^6 + 2^9 + 2^{11} + 2^{15} + 2^{16} + 2^{19} + 2^{21} + 2^{22} + 2^{23} + 2^{24} + 2^{27} + 2^{30} + 2^{33} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

After computing some first few elements of the sets  $\mathcal{A}(P_l)$ , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(P_1)_1 &= \{2, 2^4, 2^6, 2^7, 2^{10}, 2^{15}, 2^{16}, 2^{19}, 2^{20}, 2^{23}, 2^{26}, 2^{27}, 2^{31}, 2^{34}, 2^{35}, \dots\} \\ \mathcal{A}(P_2)_1 &= \{2^2, 2^3, 2^6, 2^{10}, 2^{13}, 2^{17}, 2^{18}, 2^{20}, 2^{22}, 2^{25}, 2^{27}, 2^{29}, 2^{30}, 2^{32}, 2^{33}, 2^{36}, \dots\} \\ \mathcal{A}(P_3)_1 &= \{1, 2, 2^5, 2^6, 2^7, 2^9, 2^{10}, 2^{12}, 2^{14}, 2^{20}, 2^{24}, 2^{27}, \dots\}. \\ \mathcal{A}(P_1)_3 &= \{2.3, 2^2.3, 2^3.3, 2^4.3, 2^5.3, 2^6.3, 2^9.3, 2^{11}.3, 2^{15}.3, 2^{16}.3, 2^{19}.3, 2^{21}.3, 2^{22}.3, 2^{23}.3, 2^{24}.3, \dots\} \\ \mathcal{A}(P_2)_3 &= \{3, 2^2.3, 2^3.3, 2^4.3, 2^6.3, 2^7.3, 2^{12}.3, 2^{17}.3, 2^{18}.3, 2^{19}.3, 2^{20}.3, 2^{21}.3, 2^{25}.3, 2^{27}.3, 2^{31}.3, \dots\} \\ \mathcal{A}(P_3)_3 &= \{3, 2^2.3, 2^5.3, 2^7.3, 2^{10}.3, 2^{13}.3, 2^{14}.3, 2^{19}.3, 2^{20}.3, 2^{22}.3, 2^{23}.3, 2^{24}.3, 2^{25}.3, 2^{27}.3, 2^{29}.3, \dots\}. \end{aligned}$$

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