

# 1 Basic notions

**1.1.** Describe sets  $V_f$  and  $V_f(\mathbb{R})$  if

- (a)  $f = x^2 - y^2 \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ ,
- (b)  $f = (x^2 - y^2)(x + y) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ ,
- (c)  $f = x^3 - y^3 \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$

(a) Since linear polynomials  $x + y$  and  $x - y$  are irreducible and  $x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$ , we have irreducible decomposition of the curve:

$$V_{x^2-y^2} = V_{x+y} \cup V_{x-y}, \quad V_{x^2-y^2}(\mathbb{R}) = V_{x+y}(\mathbb{R}) \cup V_{x-y}(\mathbb{R}),$$

where  $V_{x+y} = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{C}}((1, -1))$  and  $V_{x-y} = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{C}}((1, 1))$  are complex lines and  $V_{x+y}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}((1, -1))$  and  $V_{x-y}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}((1, 1))$  are real lines.

(b) Since

$$\sqrt{((x^2 - y^2)(x + y))} = \sqrt{((x - y)(x + y)^2)} = ((x - y)(x + y)) = (x^2 - y^2),$$

we have the same irreducible decomposition of  $V_f$  and  $V_f(\mathbb{R})$  into two lines as in (a)

$$V_{(x^2-y^2)(x+y)} = V_{x+y} \cup V_{x-y}, \quad V_{(x^2-y^2)(x+y)}(\mathbb{R}) = V_{x+y}(\mathbb{R}) \cup V_{x-y}(\mathbb{R}),$$

(c) We can easily calculate the decomposition of  $x^3 - y^3$  into linear factors in  $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$ :

$$x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2) = (x - y)\left(x + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)y\right)\left(x + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)y\right),$$

hence  $V_{x^3-y^3} = V_{x-y} \cup V_{x+(\frac{1}{2}+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i)y} \cup V_{x+(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i)y}$  is an irreducible decomposition into three complex lines. If we consider  $V_{x^3-y^3}(\mathbb{R}) = V_{x-y}(\mathbb{R}) \cup V_{x^2+xy+y^2}(\mathbb{R})$ . Now revoking linear algebra we can show that the real quadratic form  $g_2 = x^2 + xy + y^2$  is positively definite, since its matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim_s \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

is positively definite, hence  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid g_2(x, y) = 0\} = \{(0, 0)\}$ . It means that  $V_{x^3-y^3}(\mathbb{R}) = V_{x-y}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}((1, 1))$  is a real line.  $\square$

**1.2.** Describe the function field  $K(V_f)$  for a general field  $K$  and

- (a)  $f = x + y$ ,
- (b)  $f = ax + by + c$  where  $(a, b) \neq (0, 0)$ .

First note that any non-constant linear polynomial is irreducible and that the function field  $K(V_f)$  is a field of fractions of the coordinate ring  $K[V_f]$ . So it is enough to describe coordinate rings.

(a) To find the coordinate ring  $K[V_{x+y}] \cong K[x, y]/(x+y)$ , we intend to use the First Isomorphism Theorem. Consider evaluating homomorphism  $\varphi : K[x, y] \rightarrow K[x]$  given by  $\varphi(p) = p(x, -x)$ , then, obviously  $x+y \in \ker(\varphi)$ , hence  $(x+y) \subseteq \ker(\varphi)$ . If  $q(y) \in \ker(\varphi)$ , where we consider  $q$  as a polynomial in variable  $y$  with coefficients in the domain  $K[x]$ , we can observe that  $-x$  is a root of  $q$ , thus  $(y+x) \mid q$  and so  $q \in (x+y)$ . Since  $\varphi(p)$  is surjective and we have shown that  $\ker(\varphi) = (x+y)$  and the First Isomorphism Theorem gives us

$$K[V_{x+y}] \cong K[x, y]/(x+y) = K[x, y]/\ker(\varphi) \cong K[x].$$

It means that the function field  $K(V_{x+y})$  is isomorphic to the field of rational functions in one variable  $K(x)$ .

(b) W.l.o.g we may suppose that  $b \neq 0$ , otherwise we switch the variables  $x$  and  $y$ . We repeat the arguments of (a) for the evaluating homomorphism  $\psi : K[x, y] \rightarrow K[x]$  given by the rule  $\psi(p) = p(x, -\frac{a}{b}x - \frac{c}{b})$ , which is onto  $K[x]$ . Then  $\ker(\psi) = (ax+by+c)$  and by the First Isomorphism Theorem we get the isomorphism.

$$K[V_{ax+by+c}] \cong K[x, y]/(ax+by+c) = K[x, y]/\ker(\psi) \cong K[x].$$

Thus  $K(V_{ax+by+c}) \cong K(x)$  again. □

**1.3.** Let  $p$  be a prime number,  $q = p^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[x] \setminus \mathbb{F}_q$ .

- (a) If  $f$  is irreducible, describe a rupture field of  $f$ .
- (b) If  $f$  is irreducible, describe a splitting field of  $f$ .
- (c) For which  $k$  does the field  $\mathbb{F}_{q^k}$  contain a root of  $f$ ?
- (d) Construct an algebraic closure of the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

(a), (b) We know that the factor ring  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]/(f)$  is a field containing a root of  $f$ , i.e. a rupture field of  $f$ . Note that  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]/(f) \cong \mathbb{F}_{q^{\deg f}}$  is even a splitting field of polynomials  $f$  and  $x^{q^{\deg f}} - x$  and that  $f \mid x^{q^{\deg f}} - x$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$ .

(c) Since  $\mathbb{F}_{q^k}$  is a splitting field of a polynomial  $x^{q^k} - x = \prod_{a \in \mathbb{F}_{q^k}} x - a$  and it contains all roots of irreducible polynomials of degree dividing  $k$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_{q^k}$  contain a root of  $f$  if and only if  $\deg \gcd(f, x^{q^k} - x) > 0$ , which is true if and only if there exists an irreducible factor of  $f$  of degree dividing  $k$ .

(d) Recall that  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{k!}}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{(k+1)!}}$  since  $\mathbb{F}_{p^a} \leq \mathbb{F}_{p^b}$  iff  $a \mid b$ . Put  $K = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{F}_{p^{k!}}$ .

Observe that for each  $\alpha \in K$  there exists  $m$  for which  $\alpha$  is a root of the polynomial  $x^{p^m} - x$ , hence  $K \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ . On the other hand let  $f \in K[x]$ . Then there exist  $k$  such that  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{k!}}[x]$  and by (c) there is  $l \leq \deg f$  such that  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{k!l}} \leq \mathbb{F}_{p^{(kl)!}} \leq K$  contains a root of  $f$ . This proves that  $K$  is an algebraic closure of the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . □

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**1.4.** Let  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  and  $F \in \mathbb{R}[X, Y, Z]$  be its homogenization. Describe sets  $V_Z$ ,  $V_f(\mathbb{R})$ , and points in infinity of  $V_F$  and  $V_F(\mathbb{R})$  if

(a)  $f = x^2 + y^2 - 1$ ,

(b)  $f = x^2 + y$ .

First observe that

$$V_Z = \{(a : b : c) \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid c = 0\} = \{(a : b : 0) \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid (a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus (0, 0)\} = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus \mathbb{A}^2.$$

(a) Clearly,  $V_f(\mathbb{R})$  is a unit circle. Now, we can easily determine the homogenization  $F = X^2 + Y^2 - Z^2$  of  $f$ . The points in infinity  $V_F \cap V_Z$  of  $V_F$  are those satisfying  $X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2 = 0$ . Since  $X^2 + Y^2 = (X + iY)(X - iY)$ , we get that  $V_F \cap V_Z = \{(1, \pm i, 0)\}$  and  $V_F(\mathbb{R}) \cap V_Z = \emptyset$

(b) This time  $V_f(\mathbb{R})$  forms a parabola satisfying the equation  $y = -x^2$ . Since the homogenization of  $f$  is the polynomial  $F = X^2 + YZ$  and the points in infinity  $V_F \cap V_Z$  of  $V_F$  satisfy the equality  $X^2 + YZ = X^2 = 0$ , we can easily compute that  $V_F \cap V_Z = V_F(\mathbb{R}) \cap V_Z = \{(0, 1, 0)\}$ .  $\square$

**1.5.** Let  $\beta = \frac{x^3+1}{(x^2-1)^2} \in \mathbb{R}(x)$ . Calculate in the function field  $\mathbb{R}(x)$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  the values of valuations:

(a)  $v_{x+1}(\beta)$ ,

(b)  $v_{x-1}(\beta)$ ,

(c)  $v_x(\beta)$ ,

(d)  $v_{x^2-x+1}(\beta)$ .

Recall that  $v_p(a) = \max(k \mid p^k \mid a)$  and  $v_p(\frac{a}{b}) = v_p(a) - v_p(b)$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}[x] \setminus \{(0)\}$ .

(a)  $v_{x+1}(\beta) = v_{x+1}(x^2 - 1) - v_{x+1}(x^2 - 1)^2 = 1 - 2 = -1$ .

(b)  $v_{x-1}(\beta) = v_{x-1}(x^2 - 1) - v_{x-1}(x^2 - 1)^2 = 0 - 2 = -2$ .

(c)  $v_x(\beta) = v_x(x^2 - 1) - v_x(x^2 - 1)^2 = 0 - 0 = 0$ .

(d)  $v_{x^2-x+1}(\beta) = v_{x^2-x+1}(x^2 - 1) - v_{x^2-x+1}(x^2 - 1)^2 = 1 - 0 = 1$ .  $\square$

**1.6.** Let  $v_\infty : K(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$  be defined by the rules

$$v_\infty(0) = \infty, \quad v_\infty\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \deg(b) - \deg(a)$$

for all  $a, b \in K[x] \setminus \{(0)\}$ . Prove that  $v_\infty$  is a normalized discrete valuation on the function field  $K(x)$  over a field  $K$ .

First observe that the definition of  $v_\infty$  is correct. If  $a, b, c, d \in K[x] \setminus \{(0)\}$  satisfies  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$  then

$$v_\infty\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \deg(b) - \deg(a) = \deg(d) - \deg(c) = v_\infty\left(\frac{c}{d}\right).$$

since  $ad = bc$  and so  $\deg(a) + \deg(d) = \deg(b) + \deg(c)$ .

Let  $a, b, c, d \in K[x] \setminus \{(0)\}$ . Then

$$v_\infty\left(\frac{a}{b} \frac{c}{d}\right) = v_\infty\left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right) = \deg(bd) - \deg(ac) = \deg(b) + \deg(d) - \deg(a) - \deg(c) = v_\infty\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + v_\infty\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)$$

and

$$v_\infty\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d}\right) = v_\infty\left(\frac{ad + bc}{bd}\right) = \deg(bd) - \deg(ad + bc).$$

As  $\deg(ad + bc) \leq \max(\deg(ad), \deg(bc)) = \max(\deg(a) + \deg(d), \deg(b) + \deg(c))$  we get that

$$\begin{aligned} v_\infty\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d}\right) &= \deg(b) + \deg(d) - \deg(ad + bc) \geq \\ &\deg(b) + \deg(d) - \min(\deg(a) + \deg(d), \deg(b) + \deg(c)) = \\ &= \min(\deg(b) - \deg(a), \deg(d) - \deg(c)) = \min(v_\infty\left(\frac{a}{b}\right), v_\infty\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)). \end{aligned}$$

Finally note that  $v_\infty(\frac{1}{x}) = 1$  and that  $v_\infty(a) = \infty$  if and only if  $a = 0$ , which finishes the proof that all axioms (DV1)–(DV4) are satisfied.  $\square$

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## 2 Weierstrass equations

**2.1.** Find a short WEP which is  $\mathbb{R}$ -equivalent to the WEP

$$w = y^2 + y(2x + 2) - (x^3 - 4x^2 + 1) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y].$$

We apply standard linear algebra machinery of Lemma 2.1. First, we remove the term  $2xy$ . Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in U_2(\mathbb{R})$ , which represents replacement of  $y$  by  $y - x$  and compute

$$\vartheta_A^*(w) = (y - x)^2 + (y - x)(2x + 2) - (x^3 - 4x^2 + 1) = y^2 + 2y - (x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 1).$$

Now we use  $b = (1, -1)$  to exclude monomials  $y$  and  $x^2$ :

$$\tau_b^* \vartheta_A^*(w) = (y - 1)^2 + 2(y - 1) - ((x + 1)^3 - 3(x + 1)^2 + 2(x + 1) + 1) = y^2 - (x^3 - x + 2).$$

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**2.2.** Show that the real polynomial  $\tilde{w} = y^2 - (x^3 - x + 2)$  is

(a)  $\mathbb{R}$ -equivalent to  $y^2 - (x^3 - \frac{1}{16}x + \frac{1}{32})$ ,

(b)  $\mathbb{C}$ -equivalent to  $y^2 - (x^3 - x - 2)$ .

(a) It is enough to take the matrix  $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  and compute  $\vartheta_{A_1}^*(\tilde{w}) = 64y^2 - 64(x^3 - \frac{1}{16}x + \frac{1}{32})$ , hence  $y^2 - (x^3 - x + 2)$  and  $y^2 - (x^3 - \frac{1}{16}x + \frac{1}{32})$  are  $\mathbb{R}$ -equivalent by the Fact from the lecture where we take  $c = 2$  and  $d = 0$ .

(b) Now, we chose the complex matrix  $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$  and calculate

$$\vartheta_{A_2}^*(\tilde{w}) = -y^2 - (-x^3 + x + 2).$$

Then the same argument as in (a) proves that  $\mathbb{C}$ -equivalence of  $\tilde{w}$  and  $y^2 - (x^3 - x - 2)$ .  $\square$

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**2.3.** Decide which of the following WEPs are smooth and find all singularities of singular ones:

- (a)  $y^2 - (x^3 + 1) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ ,
- (b)  $(y + 1)^2 - (x^3 + 1) \in \mathbb{F}_3[x, y]$ ,
- (c)  $y^2 - (x^3 - x^2 - x + 1) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ ,
- (d)  $y^2 + y(2x + 2) - (x^3 - 4x^2 + 1) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  (from 2.1).

(a)  $y^2 - (x^3 + 1) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  is a smooth short WEP by Proposition 2.2 since the polynomial  $x^3 + 1$  is separable. The same result follows from the Corollary 2.3 as

$$4 \cdot 0^3 + 27 \cdot 1^2 = 1 \neq 0.$$

(b)  $w = (y + 1)^2 - (x^3 + 1) \in \mathbb{F}_3[x, y]$  is a singular WEP, since  $w$  is  $\mathbb{F}_3$ -equivalent to  $y^2 - (x^3 + 1)$  and the polynomial  $x^3 + 1 = (x + 1)^3$  has the root 2 of multiplicity 3. It is easy to see that the only singularity is  $(2, 2)$ ,

(c)  $y^2 - (x^3 - x^2 - x + 1) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  is also a singular WEP, since the root 1 of  $x^3 - x^2 - x + 1$  has the multiplicity 2. Then the singularity is  $(1, 0)$ .

(d) Using the equivalent short form  $y^2 - (x^3 - x + 2)$  computed in 2.1 we can easily see that the polynomial  $f = x^3 - x + 2$  is separable. Indeed, the roots of  $f' = 3x - 1$  are  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  and  $f(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) \neq 0$ , so there is no multiple root of  $f$ . This means that  $y^2 - (x^3 - x + 2)$  is smooth by Proposition 2.2, hence  $y^2 + y(2x + 2) - (x^3 - 4x^2 + 1)$  is smooth by Fact from the lecture.  $\square$

**2.4.** Let  $f = y - x^3 \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ . Find all singularities of  $V_f$  and of the projective extension  $V_F$ .

Since  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 1$ , the tangent  $t_\alpha(f) \neq 0$  for each  $\alpha \in V_f$ , hence  $V_f$  is a smooth affine curve.

Clearly,  $F = YZ^2 - X^3$ . Then  $V_F \cap V_F = \{(0 : 1 : 0)\}$  since

$$F(\alpha : \beta : 0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha^3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\alpha : \beta : 0) = (0 : 1 : 0).$$

We calculate

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial X} = -3X^2, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial Y} = Z^2, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial Z} = 2YZ,$$

and so  $t_{(0:1:0)}(F) = 0$ . Thus  $F$  is singular at  $(0 : 1 : 0)$  and  $V_F$  is a singular projective curve.  $\square$

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**2.5.** For the elliptic curve  $C$  given by the WEP  $w = y^2 - (x^3 + x + 2) \in \mathbb{F}_5[x, y]$  compute the tables of the group operations  $\ominus, \oplus$  on  $C(\mathbb{F}_5)$ .

Note that  $f = x^3 + x + 2 = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 2)$  where  $x^2 - x + 2$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_5[x, y]$ , which means that  $f$  is a separable polynomial. Hence  $w$  is a smooth WEP and so  $V_w$  is an elliptic curve. Now, we compute  $f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{F}_5$ :

	0	1	2	-2	-1
$x^3$	0	1	-2	2	-1
$f(x)$	2	-1	2	2	0

Since  $y^2 \in \{0, 1, -1\}$ , we can easily find all zeros

$$V_w(\mathbb{F}_5) = \{(1, 2), (1, -2), (-1, 0)\},$$

which means that the group  $C(\mathbb{F}_5) = \{o, (1, 2), (1, -2), (-1, 0)\}$  is of the order 4. Since  $w$  is of a short form, we know that  $\ominus(x, y) = (x, -y)$  hence we have the table of the unary operation

$\ominus$	$o$	$(1, 2)$	$(1, -2)$	$(-1, 0)$
	$o$	$(1, -2)$	$(1, 2)$	$(-1, 0)$

From the table we can see that the group has exactly one element  $(-1, 0)$  of the order 2, so  $C(\mathbb{F}_5) \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$  is a cyclic group. We can directly draw the table of the operation  $\oplus$

$\oplus$	$o$	$(1, 2)$	$(1, -2)$	$(-1, 0)$
$o$	$o$	$(1, 2)$	$(1, -2)$	$(-1, 0)$
$(1, 2)$	$(1, 2)$	$(-1, 0)$	$o$	$(1, -2)$
$(1, -2)$	$(1, -2)$	$o$	$(-1, 0)$	$(1, 2)$
$(-1, 0)$	$(-1, 0)$	$(1, -2)$	$(1, 2)$	$o$

□

**2.6.** Describe the group  $C(\mathbb{F}_7)$  of the elliptic curve  $C$  given by the WEP  $w$ , and if it is cyclic, find its generator.

(a)  $w = y^2 - (x^3 + 3) \in \mathbb{F}_7[x, y]$ ,

(b)  $w = y^2 - (x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2) \in \mathbb{F}_7[x, y]$ .

(a) First we compute a table of values

	0	1	2	3	-3	-2	-1
$y^2$	0	1	-3	2	2	-3	1
$x^3$	0	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
$f(x)$	3	-3	-3	2	-3	2	2

Since  $f$  has no root in  $\mathbb{F}_7$  by the table, it is irreducible and so separable. It implies that  $w$  is a smooth WEP and we can easily find all  $\mathbb{F}_7$ -rational points of the curve

$$V_w(\mathbb{F}_7) = \{(1, \pm 2), (2, \pm 2), (3, \pm 3), (-3, \pm 2), (-2, \pm 3), (-1, \pm 3)\}.$$

Since  $C(\mathbb{F}_7) = V_w(\mathbb{F}_7) \cup \{o\}$  has 13 elements, it is a cyclic group and  $\langle a \rangle = C(\mathbb{F}_7)$  for each  $a \in V_w(\mathbb{F}_7)$ .

(b) Since  $x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2)$ , the WEP is smooth and we have three zeros  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(-2, 0)$  compute the table of the binary group operation  $\oplus$  on  $C(\mathbb{F}_7)$ . It remains to observe that  $y^2 \in \{0, 1, -3, 2\}$  and compute  $f(x)$  for  $x \in \{0, 2, 3, -3\}$ :

	0	2	3	-3
$f(x)$	-2	-2	-2	-1

which shows that  $C(\mathbb{F}_7) = \{o, (1, 0), (-1, 0), (-2, 0)\}$  is a group of the order 4. As  $\ominus a = a$  for every  $a \in C(\mathbb{F}_7)$ , we can see that  $C(\mathbb{F}_7) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$

**2.7.** For the curve  $V_w$  from 2.6(a) describe all points of

(a) secant passing points  $(1, 2)$  and  $(3, 3)$ , and compute  $(1, 2) \oplus (3, 3)$ ,

(b) tangent at the point  $(1, 2)$ , and compute  $(1, 2) \oplus (1, 2) = [2](1, 2)$ .

(a) It is easy to calculate the slope  $\lambda = \frac{2-3}{1-3} = -3$ . Then the secant  $V_{y+3x+2}$  contains all points  $(x, y)$  satisfying  $y = -3x - 2$ , hence

$$V_{y+3x+2} = \{(0, -2), (1, 2), (2, -1), (3, 3), (-3, 0), (-2, -3), (-1, 1)\}.$$

To find  $(1, 2) \oplus (3, 3)$  we can either find  $V_{y+3x+2} \cap V_w = \{(1, 2), (3, 3), (-2, -3)\}$ , hence  $(1, 2) \oplus (2, 3) = \ominus(-2, -3) = (-2, 3)$  or we can apply formula

$$\gamma_1 = \lambda^2 - \alpha_1 - \beta_1 = 2 - 1 - 3 = -2, \quad \gamma_2 = \lambda(\alpha_1 - \gamma_1) - \alpha_2 = -3(1 + 2) - 2 = -4 = 3,$$

and  $(1, 2) \oplus (2, 3) = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ .

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(b) This time we calculate the slope  $\lambda = \frac{3-1^2}{2-2} = -1$ , hence the tangent is

$$V_{y+x-3} = \{(0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0), (-3, -1), (-2, -2), (-1, -3)\}.$$

and  $[2](1, 2) = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = (-1, 3)$  as

$$\gamma_1 = \lambda^2 - 2\alpha_1 = 1 - 2 = -1, \quad \gamma_2 = \lambda(\alpha_1 - \gamma_1) - \alpha_2 = -1(1 + 1) - 2 = 3.$$

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### 3 Montgomery curves

**3.1.** Find the Montgomery's ladder for (a)  $n = 98$ , (b)  $n = 137$

(a) Note that  $l_2(98) = \lfloor \log_2(98) \rfloor + 1 = 7$  and recall that the Montgomery's ladder  $\{(n_i, n'_i)\}_{i=1}^7$  is done by the recurrent condition  $n_{i-1} = \lfloor \frac{n_i}{2} \rfloor$  and by  $n'_i = n_i + 1$ . Thus we can easily compute

$i$	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
$n_i$	98	49	24	12	6	3	1
$n'_i$	99	50	25	13	7	4	2

(b) This time  $l_2(137) = \lfloor \log_2(137) \rfloor + 1 = 8$ , hence the table of the Montgomery's ladder is

$i$	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
$n_i$	137	68	34	17	8	4	2	1
$n'_i$	138	69	35	18	9	5	3	2

□

**3.2.** Describe the calculation of  $[98]P$  for an element  $P$  of Montgomery curve of order greater than 98 using the Montgomery's ladder.

From the calculation of the Montgomery's ladder in 3.1 we obtain the binary notation  $(98)_2 = a_6a_5a_4a_3a_2a_1a_0 = 1100010$  for  $98 = \sum_{i=0}^6 a_i 2^i$ . Recall that the run of calculation  $([n_j]P, [n'_j]P)$ , depends on the value of the bit  $a_{7-j}$ , namely

- if  $a_{7-j} = 0$  then  $[n_j]P = [2][n_{j-1}]P$  and  $[n'_j]P = [n_{j-1}]P \oplus [n'_{j-1}]P$ ,
- if  $a_{7-j} = 1$  then  $[n_j]P = [n_{j-1}]P \oplus [n'_{j-1}]P$  and  $[n'_j]P = [2][n'_{j-1}]P$ .

Thus we can describe the calculation in the following table, where we denote  $P_j = [n_j]P$  and  $P'_j = [n'_j]P$ :

$j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_{7-j}$	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
$n_j$	1	$1 + 2$	$2 \cdot 3$	$2 \cdot 6$	$2 \cdot 12$	$24 + 25$	$2 \cdot 49$
$n'_j$	2	$2 \cdot 2$	$3 + 4$	$6 + 7$	$12 + 13$	$2 \cdot 25$	$49 + 50$
$P_j$	$P$	$P_1 \oplus P'_1$	$[2]P_2$	$[2]P_3$	$[2]P_4$	$P_5 \oplus P'_5$	$[2]P_6$
$P'_j$	$[2]P$	$[2]P'_1$	$P_2 \oplus P'_2$	$P_3 \oplus P'_3$	$P_4 \oplus P'_4$	$[2]P'_5$	$P_6 \oplus P'_6$

□

16.04.

**3.3.** Decide whether the WEP  $w = y^2 - f \in \mathbb{F}_5[x, y]$  is  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -equivalent to some Montgomery polynomial if

- $f = x^3 + 1$ ,
- $f = x^3 + 2$ ,
- $f = x^3 + x$ ,
- $f = x^3 + x + 1$ ,
- $f = x^3 + x + 2$ .

We apply Proposition 4.5 from the lecture (M.5 in the lecture notes) which says that smooth WEP  $w = y^2 - f$  is  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -equivalent to some Montgomery polynomial if and only if there exists a root  $\zeta \in \mathbb{F}_5$  of  $f$  such that  $f'(\zeta)$  is a non-zero square in  $\mathbb{F}_5$ . Note that if we find all  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -rational roots  $\zeta$  of  $f$  and check whether  $f'(\zeta) \neq 0$ , we will know that  $w$  is smooth.

Observe that  $1 = 1^2 = (-1)^2$ ,  $-1 = (2)^2 = (-2)^2$  are all non-zero squares in  $\mathbb{F}_5$ . We will search all  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -rational roots  $\zeta$  of  $f$  and check whether  $f'(\zeta) = \pm 1$ :

(a) The only  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -rational root of  $f = x^3 + 1$  is  $-1$ ,  $f' = 3x^2$  and  $f'(-1) = -2$ , which means that  $w$  is not  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -equivalent to any Montgomery polynomial.

(b) The only  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -rational root of  $f = x^3 + 2$  is  $2$ , and  $f'(2) = 2$ , hence  $w$  is not  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -equivalent to any Montgomery polynomial.

(c) The polynomial  $y^2 - (x^3 + x)$  is already a Montgomery polynomial (for  $A = 0$ ,  $B = 1$ ), so the answer is yes.

(d) The polynomial  $x^3 + x + 1$  has no  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -rational root, thus the answer is no.

(e) Since  $-1$  is  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -rational root of  $f = x^3 + x + 2$ , the derivative  $f' = 3x^2 + 1$  has no  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -rational root, and  $f'(-1) = -1$ , the WEP  $w$  is  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -equivalent to some Montgomery polynomial. □



**3.4.** Find a Montgomery polynomial  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -equivalent to a WEP  $w \in \mathbb{F}_5[x, y]$  if

(a)  $w = y^2 - (x^3 + x + 2)$ ,

(b)  $w = y^2 - (x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2)$ .

(a) We have found the root  $-1$  of  $f = x^3 + x + 2$  in the previous task and we use the idea of the proof of Proposition 4.5/M.5 and Lemma 4.1. First substitute  $x - 1$  into  $f$  and we get  $\tilde{f} = f(x - 1) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x$ . Now, if we put  $x^3 + 2x^2 - 1 = x^3 + ABx^2 + B^2x$ , we can easily calculate  $B = \pm 2$  and  $A = 2 \cdot (\pm 2) = \pm 1$ , hence by Lemma 4.1 we get

$$y^2 - (x^3 + x + 2) \sim_{\mathbb{F}_5} 2y^2 - (x^3 + x^2 + x)(\sim_{\mathbb{F}_5} -2y^2 - (x^3 - x^2 + x)).$$

(b) As in 3.3 we find roots  $\pm 1, -2$  of

$$f = x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2 = (x + 1)(x - 1)(x + 2).$$

Since  $f' = 3x^2 - x - 1$ , we calculate  $f'(1) = 1$  and  $f'(-1) = f'(-2) = -2$ . As  $f'(1) = 1$  is a square, we substitute  $x \rightarrow x + 1$  and we obtain  $\tilde{f} = f(x + 1) = x^3 + x$ . We can see that the  $\mathbb{F}_5$ -equivalent WEP  $y^2 - \tilde{f} = y^2 - (x^3 + x)$  is already Montgomery (cf. 3.3(c)), so we are done, i.e.  $y^2 - (x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2) \sim_{\mathbb{F}_5} y^2 - (x^3 + x)$ .  $\square$

**3.5.** Decide whether there exists  $c \in \mathbb{F}_7$  such that the WEP  $y^2 - (x^3 - c) \in \mathbb{F}_7[x, y]$  is  $\mathbb{F}_7$ -equivalent to some Montgomery polynomial.

Assume that there exists a root  $\zeta \in \mathbb{F}_7$  of  $f = x^3 - c$  and  $b \in \mathbb{F}_7$  such that

$$f'(\zeta) = 3\zeta^2 = b^2 \in \mathbb{F}_7^*.$$

Then  $3 = \frac{b^2}{\zeta^2} = (\frac{b}{\zeta})^2$ , which contradicts to the fact that  $1, 2, 4$  are the only non-zero squares in the field  $\mathbb{F}_7$ .  $\square$

**3.6.** Explain for an arbitrary field  $K$  why Montgomery polynomials  $m$  and  $\tilde{m}$  are  $K$ -equivalent if

$$m = By^2 - (x^3 + Ax^2 + x) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{m} = -By^2 - (x^3 - Ax^2 + x) \in K[x, y].$$

It is enough to consider the affine transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (-x, -y)$ , on  $m$ :

$$m(-x, -y) = By^2 - (-x^3 + Ax^2 - x) = -(-By^2 - (x^3 - Ax^2 + x)) = (-1) \cdot \tilde{m}$$

and note that  $B \in K^*$ ,  $A \neq \pm 2$  if and only if  $-B \in K^*$ ,  $-A \neq \pm 2$ .  $\square$

## 4 Edwards curves

**4.1.** Show that the polynomial  $x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbf{R}[x, y]$  is irreducible but it is not absolutely irreducible.

Clearly,  $x^2 + y^2 = (x + iy)(x - iy) \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ , which shows that  $x^2 + y^2$  is not absolutely irreducible.

If  $x^2 + y^2 = g_1 g_2$  was a nontrivial decomposition in  $\mathbf{R}[x, y]$ , then it would be a nontrivial decomposition in  $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$  which would be associated to the prime decomposition  $x^2 + y^2 = (x + iy)(x - iy)$ . Hence  $g_i \mid (x + iy)$  which contradicts to the fact that  $g_i \in \mathbf{R}[x, y]$ , and so  $x^2 + y^2$  is irreducible in  $\mathbf{R}[x, y]$ .  $\square$

23.04.

**4.2.** Let  $f = y^2 + ax^2 - (1 + dx^2y^2) \in \mathbf{R}[x, y]$  and  $F = (Y^2 + aX^2)Z^2 - (Z^4 + dX^2Y^2)$  be the homogenization of  $f$ . Find all points of  $V_F \cap V_Z$  and decide which are smooth.

Since  $(a : b : c) \in V_F \cap V_Z$  if and only if  $c = da^2b^2 = 0$  if and only if  $c = a = 0$  or  $c = b = 0$ , we get  $V_F \cap V_Z = \{(1 : 0 : 0), (0 : 1 : 0)\}$ .

We can compute

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial X} = 2X(aZ^2 - dY^2), \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial Y} = 2Y(Z^2 - dX^2), \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial Z} = 2Z(Y^2 + aX^2) - 4Z^3,$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial X}(1, 0, 0) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial Y}(1, 0, 0) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial Z}(1, 0, 0) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial X}(0, 1, 0) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial Y}(0, 1, 0) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial Z}(0, 1, 0) = 0,$$

hence both the points  $(1 : 0 : 0)$  and  $(0 : 1 : 0)$  are singularities.  $\square$

**4.3.** If  $f = y^2 + ax^2 - (1 + dx^2y^2) \in K[x, y]$  and  $a = cb^2$  for  $c, b \in K$  show that  $f \sim_K y^2 + cx^2 - (1 + db^{-2}x^2y^2)$ .

It is enough to apply affine transformation  $(x, y) \rightarrow (b^{-1}x, y)$  to receive

$$y^2 + ax^2 - (1 + dx^2y^2) = y^2 + cb^2(b^{-1}x)^2 - (1 + d(b^{-1}x)^2y^2) = y^2 + cx^2 - (1 + db^{-2}x^2y^2),$$

which is  $K$ -rationally equivalent to  $f$ .  $\square$

30.04.

**4.4.** For the Montgomery curve given by  $3y^2 - (x^3 + 3x^2 + x) \in \mathbb{F}_7[x, y]$  find a birationally equivalent (a) twisted Edwards curve (b) Edwards curve.

(a) We simply apply Theorem 5.8 (E.7) for  $A = B = 3$ :

$$(a, d) = \left( \frac{A+2}{B}, \frac{A-2}{B} \right) = \left( \frac{3+2}{3}, \frac{3-2}{3} \right) = (4, 5),$$

thus the birationally equivalent generalized Edwards curve satisfies the equation

$$4x^2 + y^2 = 1 + 5x^2y^2.$$

(b) This time we use the linear transformation  $x \rightarrow 2x$  to receive a birationally equivalent Edwards curve given by  $x^2 + y^2 = 1 - x^2y^2$ , where the coefficient  $d$  is transformed by the rule  $d \rightarrow \frac{b}{2^2}$  (see Lemma 5.5 (E.4)).  $\square$

**4.5.** For the Edwards curve given by the polynomial  $x^2 + y^2 - x^2y^2 \in \mathbb{F}_7[x, y]$  compute a birationally equivalent Montgomery curve.

We apply the formulas from Theorem 5.8 (E.7) again

$$(A, B) = \left( 2 \cdot \frac{a+d}{a-d}, \frac{4}{a-d} \right) = \left( 2 \cdot \frac{1-1}{1+1}, \frac{4}{1+1} \right) = (0, 2),$$

hence we have found a birationally equivalent Montgomery curve given by the polynomial  $2y^2 - (x^3 + x)$ .  $\square$

**4.6.** If  $C$  is a curve given by the WEP  $w = y^2 - (x^3 - x + 1) \in \mathbb{F}_7[x, y]$ , prove there exists a birationally equivalent twisted Edwards curve and find the corresponding Edwards polynomial.

Put  $f = x^3 - x + 1$  and observe that  $(2, 0) \in V_w$ , hence  $f(2) = 0$ . Since  $f' = 3x^2 - 1$ , we have  $f'(2) = 4 = 2^2$ . Using the transformation  $x \rightarrow x + 2$  we get the  $\mathbb{F}_7$ -equivalent WEP  $y^2 - (x^3 - x^2 + 4x) = y^2 - (x^3 + ABx^2 + B^2x)$ , which is  $\mathbb{F}_7$ -equivalent to the Montgomery polynomial  $By^2 - (x^3 + Ax^2 + x) = 2y^2 - (x^3 + 3x^2 + x)$ . Now it remains to apply Theorem 5.8 (E.7) as in 4.4 to show that a birationally equivalent generalized Edwards curve exists and it is given by the equality  $6x^2 + y^2 = 1 + 4x^2y^2$  since  $(6, 4) = (\frac{3+2}{2}, \frac{3-2}{2})$ .  $\square$

Let  $f = y^2 + ax^2 - (1 + dx^2y^2) \in K[x, y]$  for a general field  $K$  with  $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$  and define  $\hat{F}(X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2) = X_2^2Y_1^2 + aX_1^2Y_2^2 - (X_2^2Y_2^2 + dX_1^2Y_1^2) \in K[X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2]$ . Note that  $\hat{F}$  is homogeneous of degree 4. Define

$$\hat{V}_{\hat{F}} = \{((\alpha_1 : \alpha_2), (\beta_1 : \beta_2)) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \mid \hat{F}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2) = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$$

and  $\nu : \mathbb{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  by the rule  $\nu(\alpha, \beta) = ((\alpha : 1), (\beta : 1))$

**4.7.** Prove the following properties of  $\hat{V}_{\hat{F}}$  and  $\nu$ :

- (a)  $\hat{V}_{\hat{F}}$  is correctly defined,
- (b)  $\nu$  is an embedding and  $\nu(V_f) = \hat{V}_{\hat{F}} \cap \nu(\mathbb{A}^2)$
- (c)  $\hat{V}_{\hat{F}} \setminus \nu(V_f) = \{((1 : \pm s), (1 : 0)), ((1 : 0), (1 : \pm t))\}$  where  $s, t \in \overline{K}$  satisfy  $s^2 = d$  and  $t^2 = \frac{d}{a}$ .

(a) It is enough to observe each  $((\alpha_1 : \alpha_2), (\beta_1 : \beta_2)) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and non-zero  $\lambda, \eta \in \overline{K}$  such that  $\hat{F}((\alpha_1 : \alpha_2), (\beta_1 : \beta_2)) = 0$  that

$$\hat{F}((\lambda\alpha_1, \lambda\alpha_2, \eta\beta_1, \eta\beta_2)) = \lambda^2\eta^2\hat{F}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2) = \lambda^2\eta^2 \cdot 0 = 0.$$

(b) Clearly  $\nu$  is injective. Observe that  $(\alpha, \beta) \in V_f$  if and only if

$$\hat{F}(\nu(\alpha, \beta)) = \hat{F}(\alpha, 1, \beta, 1) = f(\alpha, \beta) = 0,$$

which holds if and only if  $\nu(\alpha, \beta) \in \hat{V}_{\hat{F}}$ . This shows that  $\nu(V_f) = \hat{V}_{\hat{F}} \cap \nu(\mathbb{A}^2)$ .

(c) First note that

$$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \nu(\mathbb{A}^2) = (1 : 0) \times \mathbb{P}^1 \cup \mathbb{P}^1 \times (1 : 0).$$

We will discuss two intersections  $((1 : 0) \times \mathbb{P}^1) \cap \hat{V}_{\hat{F}}$   $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times (1 : 0)) \cap \hat{V}_{\hat{F}}$ .

Let  $A = ((x_1 : x_2), (1 : 0)) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times (1 : 0) \cap \hat{V}_{\hat{F}}$ , then  $x_2^2 = dx_1^2 = s^2x_1^2$  and so  $A = \{((1, \pm s), (1 : 0))\}$

Let  $B = ((1 : 0), (y_1 : y_2)) \in ((1 : 0) \times \mathbb{P}^1) \cap \hat{V}_{\hat{F}}$ , then  $ay_2^2 = dy_1^2$  which implies that  $y_2^2 = \frac{d}{a}y_1^2 = t^2y_1^2$ . Thus and so  $B = \{((1 : 0), (1, \pm t))\}$ .  $\square$

Recall that  $(\hat{V}_{\hat{F}}, \oplus, \ominus, o)$  is a group with operations defined as follows:

$$o = \nu(0, 1) = ((0 : 1), (1 : 1))$$

$$\ominus((\alpha_1 : \alpha_2), (\beta_1 : \beta_2)) = ((-\alpha_1 : \alpha_2), (\beta_1 : \beta_2))$$

$$((\alpha_1 : \alpha_2), (\beta_1 : \beta_2)) \oplus ((\gamma_1 : \gamma_2), (\delta_1 : \delta_2)) = \begin{cases} ((\mu_1 : \mu_2), (\nu_1 : \nu_2)) & \text{if it has sense} \\ ((\mu'_1 : \mu'_2), (\nu'_1 : \nu'_2)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= \alpha_1\beta_2\gamma_2\delta_1 + \alpha_2\beta_1\gamma_1\delta_2, & \mu'_1 &= \alpha_1\beta_1\gamma_2\delta_2\alpha_2\beta_2\gamma_1\delta_1, \\ \mu_2 &= \alpha_2\beta_2\gamma_2\delta_2 + d\alpha_1\beta_1\gamma_1\delta_1, & \mu'_2 &= a\alpha_1\beta_2\gamma_1\delta_2 + \alpha_2\beta_1\gamma_2\delta_1, \\ \nu_1 &= \alpha_2\beta_1\gamma_2\delta_1 - a\alpha_1\beta_2\gamma_1\delta_2, & \nu'_1 &= \alpha_1\beta_1\gamma_2\delta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_2\gamma_1\delta_1 \\ \nu_2 &= \alpha_2\beta_2\gamma_2\delta_2 - d\alpha_1\beta_1\gamma_1\delta_1, & \nu'_2 &= \alpha_1\beta_2\gamma_2\delta_1 - \alpha_2\beta_1\gamma_1\delta_2. \end{aligned}$$

for each  $(\alpha_1 : \alpha_2), (\beta_1 : \beta_2), (\gamma_1 : \gamma_2), (\delta_1 : \delta_2)$

**4.8.** Let  $\sigma_{\pm} = ((1 : \pm s), (1 : 0))$  and  $\tau_{\pm} = ((1 : 0), (1 : \pm t))$  for  $s, t$  satisfying  $s^2 = d$  and  $t^2 = \frac{d}{a}$ . Prove the following properties of the group  $(\hat{V}_{\hat{F}}, \oplus, \ominus, o)$ :

- (a)  $\nu(\alpha \oplus \beta) = \nu(\alpha) \oplus \nu(\beta)$  if the left side has a sense,
- (b)  $\tau_{\pm}$  and  $\nu(0, -1)$  are elements of the order 2,
- (c)  $\sigma_{\pm}$  and  $\nu(\pm r, 0)$  for  $r^2 = a^{-1}$  are elements of the order 4.

(a) If we apply the definition of adding on  $\hat{V}_{\hat{F}}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(u_1, u_2) \oplus \nu(v_1, v_2) &= ((u_1 : 1), (u_2 : 1)) \oplus ((v_1 : 1), (v_2 : 1)) = \\ &= \begin{cases} ((u_1v_2 + u_2v_1 : 1 + du_1u_2v_1v_2), (u_2v_2 - au_1v_1 : 1 - du_1u_2v_1v_2)) = \\ ((u_1u_2 + v_1v_2 : au_1v_1 + u_2v_2), (u_1u_2 - v_1v_2 : u_1v_2 + u_2v_1)) = \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} ((\frac{u_1v_2 + u_2v_1}{1 + du_1u_2v_1v_2} : 1), (\frac{u_2v_2 - au_1v_1}{1 - du_1u_2v_1v_2} : 1)) = \nu((u_1, u_2) \oplus (v_1, v_2)) \\ ((\frac{u_1u_2 + v_1v_2}{au_1v_1 + u_2v_2} : 1), (\frac{u_1u_2 - v_1v_2}{u_1v_2 + u_2v_1} : 1)) = \nu((u_1, u_2) \oplus (v_1, v_2)) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

if the line has a sense, where on the first line we have exactly the closed formula and on the second line the generic formula, which means that at least one line is correct.

(b) Since  $\tau_{\pm}, \nu(0, -1) \neq o = (0, 1)$  and

$$\ominus\tau_{\pm} = ((-1 : 0), (1, \pm t)) = \tau_{\pm}, \quad \ominus\nu(0, -1) = \nu(0, -1),$$

all the elements are exactly of the order 2.

(c) It is enough to show that  $[2]P = \nu(0, -1)$ , as  $\nu(0, -1)$  has the order 2. Let us apply the formulas of the addition

$$((1, \pm s), (1 : 0)) \oplus ((1, \pm s), (1 : 0)) = ((0, d), (d : -d)) = ((0, 1), (-1 : 1)) = \nu(0, -1).$$

and

$$(\pm r, 0) \oplus (\pm r, 0) = (0, -ar^2) = (0 : -1),$$

which can be computed in  $V_f$ . □