# THE NUMBER OF POINTS ON ELLIPTIC CURVES $y^{2}=x^{3}+A x$ AND $y^{2}=x^{3}+B^{3}$ MOD 24 

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Abstract. In this paper, we calculate the number of points on elliptic curves $y^{2}=x^{3}+A x$ over $F_{p^{r}}$ modulo 24. This is a generalization of [8], [9] and [16].

## 1. Introduction

Let $p>3$ be a prime, and let $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ be the finite field of $p$ elements. From now on we let $E_{A}^{B}$ denote the elliptic curve $y^{2}=x^{3}+A x+B$ over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ where $A, B \in \mathbb{F}_{p}$. The set of points $(x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_{p} \times \mathbb{F}_{p}$ together with a point $O$ at infinity is called the set of points of $E_{A}^{B}$ in $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ and is denoted by $E_{A}^{B}\left(\mathbb{F}_{p}\right)$. And let $\# E_{A}^{B}\left(\mathbb{F}_{p}\right)$ be the cardinality of the set $E_{A}^{B}\left(\mathbb{F}_{p}\right)$. For a more detailed information about elliptic curves in general, see [12]. It has been always interesting to look for the number of points over a given field $\mathbb{F}_{p}$. In [11], three algorithms to find the number of points on an elliptic curve over a finite field are given. Also in [3], [4] the number of rational points on Frey elliptic curves $E: y^{2}=x^{3}-n^{2} x$ and $E: y^{2}=x^{3}+a^{3}$ are found.

The purpose of this paper is to give a straightforward proof of the number of points mod 24 on elliptic curves over finite fields. One found the number of points on $E: y^{2}=x^{3}+A x$ over $\mathbb{F}_{p}([2],[3],[6],[8],[10])$.

In 2003, H. Park, D. Kim and H. Lee, calculated the number of points on elliptic curves $E_{A}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+A x$ over $\mathbb{F}_{p} \bmod 8([5],[8])$. The purpose of this paper is to give a straightforward calculation of the number of points on elliptic curves over a finite fields mod 24.

Throughout the article we adopt the following notations:

- $q_{4}$ : a quartic residue in $F_{p}$
- $q_{2}$ : a quadratic residue but quartic non-residue in $F_{p}$
- $q_{1}$ : a quadratic non-residue in $F_{p}$
- $p=a^{2}+b^{2}$ with $a$ odd and $b$ even number in $\mathbb{Z}$

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In this paper, without employing the advanced theory of elliptic curves, we compute the number of points mod 24 on elliptic curves. We prove the following:

Theorem 1.1. Let $E_{A}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+A x$ be an elliptic curve modulo $p$ with $p>3$, and $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$.
(1) Let $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 24)$ be a prime with $6 \mid b$. If $-1+2 t=q_{4}$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}
\end{array}\right.
$$

and if $-1+2 t=q_{2}$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}
\end{array}\right.
$$

(2) If $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 24)$ is a prime with $2 \mid b$ and $3 \nmid b$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
18 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime}
\end{array}\right.
$$

(3) Let $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 13(\bmod 24)$ be a prime with $6 \mid b$. If $-1+2 t=q_{4}$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}
\end{array}\right.
$$

and if $-1+2 t=q_{2}$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}
\end{array}\right.
$$

(4) If $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 13(\bmod 24)$ is a prime with $2 \mid b$ and $3 \nmid b$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A(-1+2 t)=q_{2} \\
18 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A(-1+2 t)=q_{4}
\end{array}\right.
$$

(5) If $p \equiv 5(\bmod 24)$ is a prime, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rcc}
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime}
\end{array}\right.
$$

or

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime}
\end{array}\right.
$$

(6) If $p \equiv 17(\bmod 24)$ is a prime, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime}
\end{array}\right. \\
& \text { or } \quad \# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} .
\end{array}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

## 2. Elliptic curves over finite fields

We denote $E_{a}^{b}$ be an elliptic curve $y^{2}=x^{3}+a x+b$ over $F_{p}$ where $a, b \in F_{p}$. The elliptic curves $E_{a}^{b} / F_{p}: y^{2}=x^{3}+a x+b$ and $E_{a^{\prime}}^{b^{\prime}} / F_{p}: y^{2}=x^{3}+a^{\prime} x+b^{\prime}$ are isomorphic over $F_{p}$ if and only if there exists $u \in F_{p}^{*}$ such that $u^{4} a^{\prime}=a$ and $u^{6} b^{\prime}=b([12])$. If $E_{a}^{b} \cong E_{a^{\prime}}^{b^{\prime}}$ over $F_{p}$, then the isomorphism is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi: E_{a}^{b} \rightarrow E_{a^{\prime}}^{b^{\prime}}, \quad \phi:(x, y) \mapsto\left(u^{-2} x, u^{-3} y\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

or equivalently,

$$
\psi: E_{a^{\prime}}^{b^{\prime}} \rightarrow E_{a}^{b}, \quad \psi:(x, y) \mapsto\left(u^{2} x, u^{3} y\right)
$$

Using (2.1), we get the following proposition.
Proposition 2.1. (1) Let $B=\left\{E_{0}^{b}: y^{2}=x^{3}+b, 1 \leq b \leq p-1\right\}$. If $p \equiv 1$ $(\bmod 6)$ is prime, then there are six isomorphism classes of elliptic curves in $B$, i.e., $E_{0}^{1}, E_{0}^{g}, E_{0}^{g^{2}}, E_{0}^{g^{3}}, E_{0}^{g^{4}}$ and $E_{0}^{g^{5}}$.
(2) Let $B=\left\{E_{a}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+a x, 1 \leq a \leq p-1\right\}$. If $p \equiv 1(\bmod 4)$ is prime, then there are four isomorphism classes of elliptic curves in $B$, i.e., $E_{0}^{1}, E_{0}^{g}$, $E_{0}^{g^{2}}, E_{0}^{g^{3}}: y^{2}=x^{3}+g^{3}$.

A twist of a curve given in short Weierstrass form $E_{a}^{b}$ is given by $E_{a^{\prime}}^{b^{\prime}}$ where $a^{\prime}=v^{2} a, b^{\prime}=v^{3} b$ for some quadratic non-residue $v \in F_{p}$. Let $p>3$ be a prime, and let $F_{p}$ be the finite field of $p$ elements. The set of points $(x, y) \in F_{p} \times F_{p}$ together with a point $O$ at infinity is called the set of $F_{p}$-rational points of $E_{a}^{b}$ on $F_{p}$ and is denoted by $E_{a}^{b}\left(F_{p}\right)$. The cardinality of the set $E_{a}^{b}\left(F_{p}\right)$ is denoted by $\# E_{a}^{b}\left(F_{p}\right)$.
Proposition 2.2 ([1], p. 153). Suppose $E$ and $E^{\prime}$ have the same $j$-invariant but are not isomorphic over the field $F_{p}$. If $j \neq 0$ and $j \neq 1728$, then $E^{\prime}$ is the quadratic twist of $E$, and if $\# E\left(F_{p}\right)=p+1-v$, then $\# E^{\prime}\left(F_{p}\right)=p+1+v$.

Proposition $2.3([3]$, Theorem 9). Let $p \equiv 1(\bmod 6)$ be prime. Then

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{a^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right)=p^{2}-1
$$

Using the theory of a quadratic twist of elliptic curve (Proposition 2.2), we can reprove Proposition 2.3 and similar results on $E_{a}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)$.
Theorem 2.4. Let $p>3$ be a prime. Then the followings are satisfied.
(1) $\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{a}\left(F_{p}\right)=\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{a^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right)=p^{2}-1$.
(2) $\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{a}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)=\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{a^{2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)=p^{2}-1$.

Proof. (1) Let $g$ be a primitive root of $p$. Then, $\{1,2, \ldots, p-1\}=\left\{g^{k} \mid 1 \leq\right.$ $k \leq p-1\}$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{a}\left(F_{p}\right) & =\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{g^{k}}\left(F_{p}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\# E_{0}^{g^{k}\left(F_{p}\right)}+\# E_{0}^{g^{k+3}}\left(F_{p}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $E_{0}^{u^{3} g^{k}}: y^{2}=x^{3}+u^{3} g^{k}$ is the quadratic twist of $E_{0}^{g^{k}}: y^{2}=x^{3}+g^{k}$ for a quadratic non-residue $u=g, \# E_{0}^{g^{k}}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{0}^{g^{k+3}}\left(F_{p}\right)=(p+1-v)+(p+1+v)=$ $2(p+1)$. Therefore,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{a}\left(F_{p}\right) & =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\# E_{0}^{g^{k}}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{0}^{g^{k+3}}\left(F_{p}\right)\right) \frac{p-1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot(p+1) \\
& =p^{2}-1
\end{aligned}
$$

Likewise, $\left\{1^{3}, 2^{3}, \ldots,(p-1)^{3}\right\}=\left\{g^{3 k} \mid 1 \leq k \leq p-1\right\}$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{a^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right) & =\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{g^{3 k}}\left(F_{p}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\# E_{0}^{g^{3 k}}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{0}^{g^{3(k+1)}}\left(F_{p}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $E_{0}^{u^{3} g^{3 k}}: y^{2}=x^{3}+u^{3} g^{3 k}$ is the quadratic twist of $E_{0}^{g^{3 k}}: y^{2}=x^{3}+g^{3 k}$ for a quadratic non-residue $u=g, \# E_{0}^{g^{3 k}}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{0}^{g^{3 k+3}}\left(F_{p}\right)=2(p+1)$ by Proposition 2.2. Therefore,

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{0}^{a^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right)=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\# E_{0}^{g^{3 k}}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{0}^{g^{3 k+3}}\left(F_{p}\right)\right)
$$

$$
=\frac{p-1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot(p+1)=p^{2}-1 .
$$

(2) Let $g$ be a primitive root of $p$. Then, $\{1,2, \ldots, p-1\}=\left\{g^{k} \mid 1 \leq k \leq\right.$ $p-1\}$ and

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{a}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)=\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \# E_{g^{k}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\# E_{g^{k}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{g^{k+2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)\right)
$$

Since $E_{u^{2} g^{k}}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+u^{2} g^{k} x$ is the quadratic twist of $E_{g^{k}}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+g^{k} x$ for a quadratic non-residue $u=g$, \# $E_{g^{k}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{g^{k+2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)=(p+1-v)+(p+1+v)=$ $2(p+1)$ by Proposition 2.2. Therefore,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{a}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) & =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\# E_{g^{k}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{g^{k+2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)\right) \\
& =\frac{p-1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot(p+1)=p^{2}-1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Likewise, $\left\{1^{2}, 2^{2}, \ldots,(p-1)^{2}\right\}=\left\{g^{2 k} \mid 1 \leq k \leq p-1\right\}$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{a^{2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) & =\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \# E_{g^{2 k}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\# E_{g^{2 k}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{g^{2(k+1)}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $E_{u^{2} g^{2 k}}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+u^{2} g^{2 k} x$ is the quadratic twist of $E_{g^{2 k}}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+g^{2 k}$ for a quadratic non-residue $u=g, \# E_{g^{2 k}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{g^{2 k+2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)=2(p+1)$ by Proposition 2.2. Therefore,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \# E_{a^{2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) & =\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\# E_{g^{2 k}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{g^{2 k+2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)\right) \\
& =\frac{p-1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot(p+1)=p^{2}-1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

In the nineteenth century Dirichlet (see [14]) showed:
Proposition 2.5 ([13]). Let $p$ and $q$ be distinct primes such that $p \equiv 1$ $(\bmod 4), p=a^{2}+b^{2}, 2 \mid b$, and let $q^{*}=(-1)^{(q-1) / 2} q$. Then $q^{*}$ is a quartic residue of $p$ if and only if there is an integer $m$ such that $m^{2} \equiv p(\bmod q)$ and $\left(\frac{m(m+b)}{q}\right)=1$.

In [9], we considered the following:
Let $p \equiv 1(\bmod 12)$ be a prime and let $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$ with $t \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}$. Then $\# E_{A}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+A x \equiv 0(\bmod 3)$ if and only if $-A \pm 2 t A$ are quartic residues in $\mathbb{F}_{p}$.

Using this property, the quadratic reciprocity law and elementary several calculations, we calculated the number of rational points mod 12 on elliptic curve over finite fields according to the case by case. We wrote the following theorem.

Proposition 2.6 ([9], [16]). Let $p$ be a rational prime, and let $t$ be an element of $F_{p}^{*}=F_{p}-\{0\}$ such that $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$.
(1) If $p \equiv 1,11(\bmod 12)$ is a prime and $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$, then we get the following table.

| $p$ | $A$ | $-1 \pm 2 t$ | $A(-1 \pm 2 t)$ | $\# E_{A}^{0}\left(\mathbb{F}_{p}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1(\bmod 24)$ | $q_{4}$ | $q_{4}$ | $q_{4}$ | $0(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{4}$ | $q_{2}$ | $q_{2}$ | 8 or $16(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{4}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | 8 or $16(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{2}$ | $q_{2}$ | $q_{4}$ | $12(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{2}$ | $q_{4}$ | $q_{2}$ | 4 or $20(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{2}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | 4 or $20(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{4}$ | $18(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{2}$ | 2 or $10(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | $q_{4}$ | $q_{1}$ | 2 or $10(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | $q_{2}$ | $q_{1}$ | 2 or $10(\bmod 24)$ |
| $11(\bmod 24)$ |  |  | all | $12(\bmod 24)$ |
| $13(\bmod 24)$ | $q_{4}$ | $q_{4}$ | $q_{4}$ | $12(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{4}$ | $q_{2}$ | $q_{2}$ | 4 or $20(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{4}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | 4 or $20(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{2}$ | $q_{2}$ | $q_{4}$ | $0(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{2}$ | $q_{4}$ | $q_{2}$ | 8 or $16(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{2}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | 8 or $16(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{4}$ | $18(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{2}$ | 2 or $10(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | $q_{4}$ | $q_{1}$ | 2 or $10(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | $q_{2}$ | $q_{1}$ | 2 or $10(\bmod 24)$ |
| $23(\bmod 24)$ |  |  | all | $0(\bmod 24)$ |

(2) If $p \equiv 5,7(\bmod 12)$ is a prime, then we get the following table.

| $p$ | $A$ | $\# E_{A}^{0}\left(\mathbb{F}_{p}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $5(\bmod 24)$ | $q_{4}$ | 4 or $20(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{2}$ | 8 or $16(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | 2 or $10(\bmod 24)$ |
| $7(\bmod 24)$ | all | $8(\bmod 24)$ |
| $17(\bmod 24)$ | $q_{4}$ | 8 or $16(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{2}$ | 4 or $20(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | $q_{1}$ | 2 or $10(\bmod 24)$ |
| $19(\bmod 24)$ | all | $20(\bmod 24)$ |

(3) Let $p>3$ be an odd prime. Then we get the following table.

| $p$ | $\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)$ | $\left(\frac{3 B(2 t-1)}{p}\right)$ | $\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(\mathbb{F}_{p}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1(\bmod 12)$ | 1 | 1 | $0(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | 1 | -1 | $12(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | -1 | 1 | 8 or $16(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | -1 | -1 | 4 or $20(\bmod 24)$ |
| $5(\bmod 12)$ | 1 or -1 |  | $6(\bmod 12)$ |
| $7(\bmod 12)$ | 1 |  | $12(\bmod 24)$ |
|  | -1 |  | 4 or $20(\bmod 24)$ |

In this proposition, we found a relation between a quadratic equation and a family of elliptic curves over a finite field. Let $p \equiv 1(\bmod 12)$ be a prime and let $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$ with $t \in F_{p}^{*}$. Then $\# E_{A}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+A x \equiv 0(\bmod 3)$ if and only if $-A \pm 2 t A$ are quartic residues in $F_{p}$ ([9]). Under this condition, we obtain a following motivation:

Given a quadratic equation $A t^{2}+B t+C \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ and $E_{f(k)}^{g(k)}: y^{2}=$ $x^{3}+g(k) x+f(k)$.
(1) Can one find $f(k)$ and $g(k)$ satisfying $\# E_{f(k)}^{g(k)}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv \alpha(\bmod n)$ for a fixed $n$ and for almost all primes $p$ ?
Moreover, we may consider partial conditions for some primes, for example $p \equiv 1(\bmod 4)$.
(2) Can one classify $f(k)$ and $g(k)$ satisfying $\# E\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv \alpha(\bmod n)$ for a fixed $n$ in $F_{p}$ ?
We think that this sort of problems do not seem to be easy to handle in general. In this paper, we consider the case $A=3, B=0$ and $C=-1$.

## 3. The number of solutions for elliptic curves with $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$

Using Proposition 2.2, we obtain the proof of Theorem 1.1.
Proof. Note that $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right)=1$ if and only if $p \equiv 1,11(\bmod 12)$ by Proposition 2.5. Put $3^{*}=(-1)^{\frac{3-1}{2}} \cdot 3=-3$ in Proposition 2.5. Then -3 is a quartic residue modulo $p$ if and only if $m^{2} \equiv p(\bmod 3)$ and $\left(\frac{m(m+b)}{3}\right)=1$. Thus we derive that -3 is a quartic residue modulo $p=a^{2}+b^{2}$ with $6 \mid b$. If $p \equiv 1(\bmod 24)$, then -3 is a quartic residue modulo $p$ if and only if $3=q_{4}$. If $p=a^{2}+b^{2}$ is a prime with $6 \mid b$, then $\left(\frac{t}{p}\right)=1$. This leads us to the fact that

$$
\left(\frac{3 t-2}{p}\right)\left(\frac{t}{p}\right)=\left(\frac{3 t^{2}-2 t}{p}\right)=\left(\frac{2 t-1}{p}\right)\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right)=1 .
$$

So, we consider $2 t-1=q_{4}$ or $q_{2}$. In the case of $-1+2 t=q_{4}$, we find that $\# E_{q_{4}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{q_{2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv 2 p+2 \equiv 2+2 \equiv 0+4(\bmod 24)$ and $\# E_{q_{4}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+$ $\# E_{q_{2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv 2 p+2 \equiv 2+2 \equiv 0+4(\bmod 24)$ by Proposition 2.2 and Proposition 2.6. Hence $\# E_{q_{2}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv 4(\bmod 24)$.

Let $-1+2 t=q_{2}$. By Proposition $2.6, \# E_{q_{1}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv 2$ or $10(\bmod 24)$. We can derive that $\# E_{q_{1}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)+\# E_{q_{1}^{\prime}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv 2 p+2 \equiv 2+2 \equiv 2+2(\bmod 24)$. So, this case, $\# E_{q_{1}}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv 2(\bmod 24)$. Other cases are similar.

Theorem 3.1. Let $E_{0}^{B^{3}}: y^{2}=x^{3}+B^{3}$ be an elliptic curve modulo $p$ with $p \equiv 1(\bmod 6)$, and $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$.
(1) Let $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 12)$ be a prime with $6 \mid b$. Then

$$
\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1 \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1
\end{array}\right.
$$

(2) If $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 12)$ is a prime with $2 \mid b$ and $3 \nmid b$, then

$$
\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1 \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1 .
\end{array}\right.
$$

(3) If $p \equiv 7(\bmod 12)$ is a prime, then

$$
\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1 \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proof. It is well-known that $(t+1)^{2}=t^{2}+2 t+1=\frac{2}{3}(3 t+2)$ and $(t-1)^{2}=$ $-\frac{2}{3}(3 t-2)$. Thus, we have

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left(\frac{3 t+2}{p}\right)=\left(\frac{3 t-2}{p}\right)=1, \text { if } p \equiv 1 \quad(\bmod 24)  \tag{3.1}\\
\left(\frac{3 t+2}{p}\right)=\left(\frac{3 t-2}{p}\right)=-1, \text { if } p \equiv 13 \quad(\bmod 24)  \tag{3.2}\\
\left(\frac{3 t+2}{p}\right)=-1,\left(\frac{3 t-2}{p}\right)=1, \text { if } p \equiv 11 \quad(\bmod 24)  \tag{3.3}\\
\left(\frac{3 t+2}{p}\right)=1,\left(\frac{3 t-2}{p}\right)=-1, \text { if } p \equiv 23 \quad(\bmod 24) \tag{3.4}
\end{gather*}
$$

On the other hand, we readily check that
(3.5) $t(2 t-1) \equiv-\frac{1}{3}(3 t-2) \quad(\bmod p)$ and $t(2 t+1) \equiv \frac{1}{3}(3 t+2) \quad(\bmod p)$.

If $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 24)$ with $6 \mid b,-3$ is a quartic residue modulo $p$ by Proposition 2.5. By (3.1) and (3.5), we derive that

$$
\left(\frac{t}{p}\right)=\left(\frac{2 t-1}{p}\right)=\left(\frac{2 t+1}{p}\right)=1 .
$$

$\operatorname{Put}\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1$. Then, we derive from Proposition 2.6 and Proposition 2.2 that $\# E_{0}^{B^{3}} \equiv 0(\bmod 24), \# E_{0}^{B^{3}}+\# E_{0}^{g^{3}}=2 p+2 \equiv 4(\bmod 24)$ and $\# E_{0}^{g^{3}} \equiv 4$ $(\bmod 24)$. Other results are similar.

The zeta function of a curve $C$ is defined to be the exponential generating function

$$
Z(C, T)=\exp \left(\sum_{k \geq 1} N_{k} \frac{T^{k}}{k}\right)
$$

where $N_{k}$ equals the number of points on $C$ over $F_{p^{k}}$. A result due to Weil [15] is that the zeta function of an elliptic curve, in fact any curve, $Z(C, T)$ is rational, and moreover can be expressed as

$$
Z(C, T)=\frac{(1-\alpha T)(1-\beta T)}{(1-T)(1-q T)}=\frac{1-(\alpha+\beta) T+\alpha \beta T^{2}}{(1-T)(1-q T)}
$$

The inverse roots $\alpha$ and $\beta$ satisfy a functional equation which reduces to $\alpha \beta=p$ in the elliptic curve case. The value $v=\alpha+\beta$ is related to $N_{1}=p+1-v$. In addition, the discriminant of the quadratic polynomial in the numerator is negative, and so the quadratic has two conjugate roots $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{\beta}$ with absolute value $\frac{1}{\sqrt{p}}$. Writing the numerator in the form $1-v T+p T^{2}=(1-\alpha T)(1-\beta T)$ and taking the derivatives of logarithms of both sides, one can obtain the number of $F_{p^{k}}$-points on $E$, denoted by $N_{k}$, as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
N_{k}=p^{k}+1-\alpha^{k}-\beta^{k}, \quad k=1,2, \ldots . \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

All the results concerning the number of points on $F_{p}(\bmod 24)$ obtained here for prime $p>3$ can be generalized to $F_{p^{k}}$, for a natural number $k>1$, using (3.6) and Theorem 1.1, Theorem 3.1.

Theorem 3.2. Let $E_{A}^{0}: y^{2}=x^{3}+A x$ be an elliptic curve modulo $p$ with $p>3$, and $l$ and $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$ and let $q_{1}^{\prime}$ be a quadratic non-residue modulo $p$ with $q_{1}^{\prime} q_{1}=q_{4}$.
(1) Let $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 24)$ be a prime with $6 \mid b$. If $-1+2 t=q_{4}$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{llll}
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 2) \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4)
\end{array}\right.
$$

and if $-1+2 t=q_{2}$, then
$\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rlll}16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 2) \\ 12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 2) \\ 2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\ 4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4) .\end{array}\right.$
(2) If $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 24)$ is a prime with $2 \mid b$ and $3 \nmid b$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rlll}
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4) \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4) \\
18 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4) \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

(3) Let $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 13(\bmod 24)$ be a prime with $6 \mid b$. If $-1+2 t=q_{4}$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rlll}
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 2) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 2) \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4)
\end{array}\right.
$$

and if $-1+2 t=q_{2}$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{llll}
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} & \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

(4) If $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 13(\bmod 24)$ is a prime with $2 \mid b$ and $3 \nmid b$, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rlll}
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1 \quad(\bmod 2) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 2 \quad(\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 4) \\
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1 \quad(\bmod 2) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 2 \quad(\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 4) \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A(-1+2 t)=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A(-1+2 t)=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 2 & (\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A(-1+2 t)=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4) \\
18 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A(-1+2 t)=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1 & (\bmod 2) \\
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A(-1+2 t)=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 2(\bmod 4) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A(-1+2 t)=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0 & (\bmod 4) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

(5) If $p \equiv 5(\bmod 24)$ is a prime, then
$\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\ 20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\ 8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1,2,3,6(\bmod 8) \\ 16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 4,5,7(\bmod 8) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\ 2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\ 10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\ 10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\ 2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 8)\end{array}\right.$
or
$\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\ 4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\ 16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3,4(\bmod 8) \\ 8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 2,5,6,7(\bmod 8) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\ 2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\ 10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\ 16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\ 2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\ 0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 8) .\end{array}\right.$
(6) If $p \equiv 17(\bmod 24)$ is a prime, then

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1,2,3,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 4,5,7(\bmod 8) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 8) \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3(\bmod 8) \\
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6(\bmod 8) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3(\bmod 8) \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6(\bmod 8) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 4 \quad(\bmod 8) \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3(\bmod 8) \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 4 \quad(\bmod 8) \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 8)
\end{array}\right.
$$

or

$$
\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3,4(\bmod 8) \\
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 2,5,6,7(\bmod 8) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{4} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3 \quad(\bmod 8) \\
8 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6(\bmod 8) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{2} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3(\bmod 8) \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6(\bmod 8) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 4(\bmod 8) \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1} \text { and } r \equiv 0(\bmod 8) \\
10 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 1,3(\bmod 8) \\
20 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 2,6 \quad(\bmod 8) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 4 \quad(\bmod 8) \\
2 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 5,7(\bmod 8) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if } A=q_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 8) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proof. Among the above results, the proof will be given only for the first case. In the case when $p \equiv 1(\bmod 24), 6 \mid b\left(\right.$ for $\left.p=a^{2}+b^{2}\right),-1+2 t=q_{4}$ and $\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv 0(\bmod 24)$, we find $v \equiv 2(\bmod 24)$ if $\# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{p}\right)=p+1-v$. For the evaluation of $N_{r}=p^{r}+1-\left(\alpha^{r}+\beta^{r}\right)$, let $M_{r}=\alpha^{r}+\beta^{r}$. Then, we find the recurrence formula of $M_{r}=v M_{r-1}-p M_{r-2}$ (for $r \geq 3$ ) from the relations of $\alpha+\beta=v$ and $\alpha \beta=p$. Using $M_{1}=v \equiv 2(\bmod 24), M_{2}=v^{2}-2 p \equiv 2$
$(\bmod 24)$ and $M_{r}=v M_{r-1}-p M_{r-2}=2 M_{r-1}-M_{r-2}$, it is obvious that $M_{r} \equiv 2(\bmod 24)$ for all $r \geq 1$. Therefore,

$$
N_{r}=p^{r}+1-\left(\alpha^{r}+\beta^{r}\right)=1^{r}+1-M_{r} \equiv 1+1-2 \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 24) .
$$

Other cases are similarly proven.
Theorem 3.3. Let $E_{0}^{B^{3}}: y^{2}=x^{3}+B^{3}$ be an elliptic curve modulo $p$ with $p \equiv 1(\bmod 6)$, and $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $3 t^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod p)$.
(1) Let $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 12)$ be a prime with $6 \mid b$. Then

$$
\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1 \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1 \text { and } r \equiv 1 \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1 \text { and } r \equiv 0 \\
(\bmod 2)
\end{array}\right.
$$

(2) If $p=a^{2}+b^{2} \equiv 1(\bmod 12)$ is a prime with $2 \mid b$ and $3 \nmid b$, then

$$
\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rlll}
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1 \text { and } r \equiv 1 \quad(\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1 \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 2) \\
16 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1 \text { and } r \equiv 1 \quad(\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1 \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 2) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

(3) If $p \equiv 7(\bmod 12)$ is a prime, then

$$
\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(F_{p^{r}}\right) \equiv\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
12 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1 \text { and } r \equiv 1 \quad(\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=1 \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 2) \\
4 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1 \text { and } r \equiv 1 \quad(\bmod 2) \\
0 & (\bmod 24) & \text { if }\left(\frac{B}{p}\right)=-1 \text { and } r \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 2) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proof. Among the above results, we will prove only for the first case. In the case when $p \equiv 1(\bmod 12), 6 \mid b\left(\right.$ for $\left.p=a^{2}+b^{2}\right)$, and $\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right) \equiv 0(\bmod 24)$, we find $v \equiv 2(\bmod 24)$ if $\# E_{0}^{B^{3}}\left(F_{p}\right)=p+1-v$. For the evaluation of $N_{r}=p^{r}+1-\left(\alpha^{r}+\beta^{r}\right)$, let $M_{r}=\alpha^{r}+\beta^{r}$. Then, we find the recurrence formula of $M_{r}=v M_{r-1}-p M_{r-2}($ for $r \geq 3)$ from the relations of $\alpha+\beta=v$ and $\alpha \beta=p$. Using $M_{1}=v \equiv 2(\bmod 24), M_{2}=v^{2}-2 p \equiv 2(\bmod 24)$ and $M_{r}=v M_{r-1}-p M_{r-2}=2 M_{r-1}-M_{r-2}$, it is obvious that $M_{r} \equiv 2(\bmod 24)$ for all $r \geq 1$. Therefore, $N_{r}=p^{r}+1-\left(\alpha^{r}+\beta^{r}\right)=1^{r}+1-M_{r} \equiv 1+1-2 \equiv 0$ $(\bmod 24)$. Other cases are similarly proven.

The following proposition, which is conjectured by E. Artin in his thesis and proved by Hasse in the 1930's, shows that this heuristic reasoning is correct.

Proposition 3.4 (Hasse, 1922 [12, p. 131]). Let $K$ be a finite field with $p$ elements and let $E / K$ be an elliptic curve. Then

$$
|\# E(K)-p-1| \leq 2 \sqrt{p}
$$

Equivalently, the number of solutions is bounded above by the number ( $\sqrt{p}+$ $1)^{2}$.

Example 3.5. Let $p=13$. We know that $13+1-2 \sqrt{13}<7 \leq \# E_{A}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right)<$ $21 \leq 13+1+2 \sqrt{13}$ by Hasse's theorem. On the other hand, we know by Theorem 1.1 that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \# E_{1}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right) \equiv 20 \quad(\bmod 24) \\
& \# E_{4}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right) \equiv 8 \quad(\bmod 24) \\
& \# E_{2}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right) \equiv 10 \quad(\bmod 24)\left(2 \cdot 5=10=q_{2}\right), \text { and } \\
& \# E_{8}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right) \equiv 18 \quad(\bmod 24) \quad\left(8 \cdot 5=40=q_{4}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where 2 is a primitive root modulo 13 . Thus, we have $\# E_{1}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right)=20$, $\# E_{4}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right)=8, \# E_{2}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right)=10$, and $\# E_{8}^{0}\left(F_{13}\right)=18$.

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