

into split and nonsplit, according to whether the two tangent components are special fiber of the model (1.1) indicated. The wild type is further divided for  $F_{a,b,c}$  are as shown in Figure 1 [McC82], with the proper transform of the First we recall the main result of [McC88]. The possible reduction types techniques of the second author.

to derive some consequences for the arithmetic of Fermat curves using the this paper is to extend those results by carrying out higher descents, and tion type of the minimal regular model of  $F_{a,b,c}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\zeta]$ . The purpose of and showed that  $\text{III}[\lambda]$  is nontrivial in certain cases depending on the reduc-

$$(1.2) \quad \text{III}[\lambda] \times \text{III}[\lambda] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

of the Cassels–Tate pairing

we denote simply by  $\text{III}$ . In [McC88], the first author studied the restriction We are interested in the Shafarevich–Tate group of  $J_{a,b,c}$  over  $K$ , which  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$ , multiplication by  $p$  on  $J_{a,b,c}$ .

denote the endomorphism  $\zeta - 1$  of  $J_{a,b,c}$ . Note that  $\lambda^{p-1}$  is, up to a unit in induced by the birational automorphism  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, \zeta y)$  of  $F_{a,b,c}$ . Let  $\lambda$  and let  $J_{a,b,c}$  be the Jacobian of  $F_{a,b,c}$ . Then  $J_{a,b,c}$  has complex multiplication

$$(1.1) \quad y^p = x^a(1-x)^b$$

curve

and  $a + b + c = 0$ , let  $F_{a,b,c}$  denote a smooth projective model of the affine in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  and let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ . If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are integers such that  $0 < a, b, a + b < p$   $\mathbb{Q}$ . For a fixed prime  $p$  such that  $p \geq 5$ , choose a primitive  $p$ th root of unity  $\zeta$  Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  denote the field of rational numbers and  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  a fixed algebraic closure of

## 1 Introduction

*To Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer on his 75th birthday.*

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On Shafarevich–Tate groups and the  
arithmetic of Fermat curves

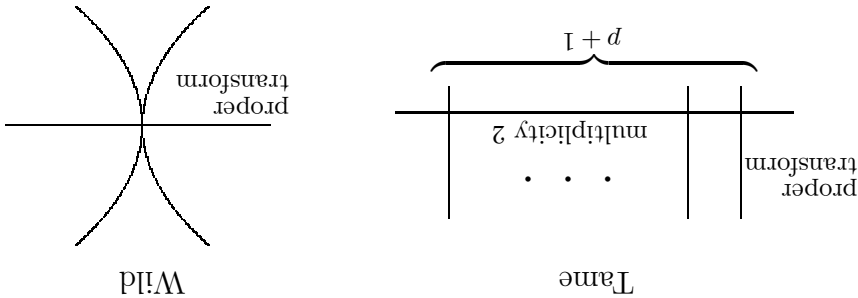


Figure 1: Reduction types of  $F_{a,b,c}$

defined over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  or conjugate over a quadratic extension. The reduction type can be computed as follows. For a rational number  $x$  of  $p$ -adic valuation 0, let  $q(x) = (x^{d-1} - 1)/p$ , viewed as an element of  $\mathbb{F}_p^d$ . Then  $F_{a,b,c}$  is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{tame} \\ \text{wild split} \\ \text{wild nonsplit} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } -2abcq(a^d b^d c^d) = 0, \\ \text{if } -2abcq(a^d b^d c^d) \in \mathbb{F}_p^d, \\ \text{if } -2abcq(a^d b^d c^d) \notin \mathbb{F}_p^d. \end{array}$$

Let  $M_K$  be the set of finite places of  $K$  and let  $w$  denote the unique place of  $K$  above  $p$ . Define

$$(1.3) \quad U = \{x \in K^\times / K^{\times p} : v(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \text{ for all } v \in M_K\},$$

$$V = K^\times / K^{\times p}.$$

Let  $\pi$  be the uniformizer of  $K_w$  defined by

$$(1.4) \quad \pi^{d-1} = -p \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1-\zeta}{\pi} \equiv 1 \pmod{w}.$$

If  $\kappa : \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^d$  is the Teichmüller character, let  $V(i)$  denote the intersection of the  $\kappa^i$ th eigenspace of  $V$  with the subgroup of  $V$  generated by units congruent to 1 modulo  $\pi^i$ . Thus  $V(i)$  is one-dimensional if  $2 \leq i \leq p$ .

**Theorem 1.1** ([McC88]) *Suppose that  $F_{a,b,c}$  is wild split,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and the image of  $U$  is nontrivial in both  $V((p-1)/2)$  and  $V((p+3)/2)$ . Then*

$$\text{III}[\lambda]/\lambda \text{III}[\lambda^2] \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}.$$

The condition on  $U$  is satisfied if  $p \nmid B^{(p-1)/2} B^{(p+3)/2}$ , where  $B_k$  is the  $k$ th Bernoulli number. As noted in [McC88], the technique used to prove Theorem 1.1 applies to the pairing

$$(1.5) \quad \text{III}[\lambda^2] \times \text{III}[\lambda] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

and yields information about  $\text{III}[\lambda^2]$ .

**Theorem 1.2** Suppose that either of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (a)  $F_{a,b,c}$  is wild split and  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ;
- (b)  $F_{a,b,c}$  is wild nonsplit or tame and the image of  $U$  in either  $V((p+1)/2)$  or  $V((p+3)/2)$  is trivial.

Then the pairing (1.5) is trivial. Thus  $\text{III}[\lambda^2]/\lambda\text{III}[\lambda^3] = 0$ , that is,  $\text{III}[\lambda^3]$  is a free module over  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3)$ .

As discussed in [McC88], the hypothesis on  $U$  in condition (b) of the theorem is quite mild, since for  $U$  to be nontrivial in  $V(k)$  with  $k > 1$  and odd requires that  $p$  divides  $B^{p-k}$ .

**Corollary 1.3** If one of conditions (a) or (b) of Theorem 1.2 is satisfied, and if  $|\text{III}[p^\infty]| > p^3$ , then  $\text{III}[p^\infty] = 0$ .

Under the conditions of Theorem 1.2, it is natural to ask which occurs more often:  $|\text{III}[p]| = 0$  or  $|\text{III}[p]| \geq p^3$ . To explore this question, we compute

$$(1.6) \quad \text{III}[\lambda^3] \times \text{III}[\lambda] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

**Theorem 1.4** Suppose that  $p \geq 19$  is regular,  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $F_{a,b,c}$  is tame or wild nonsplit and

$$(1.7) \quad q(a^a b^b c^c)_3 + abcB^{p-3} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Then the pairing (1.6) is nontrivial. Thus  $\text{III}[\lambda^3] \neq 0$  (and hence, by Corollary 1.3,  $|\text{III}[p^\infty]| \geq p^3$ ).

For example, the curve  $y^{19} = x^2(1-x)$  satisfies the conditions of the theorem. Modest numerical experiments suggest that about half the curves satisfy the conditions. More precisely, there are about  $p/6$  isomorphism classes of curves  $F_{a,b,c}$  for a given prime  $p$ , and heuristically about half of them are tame or wild nonsplit. The incongruence (1.7) is usually satisfied for these curves; for example, it is satisfied for all such curves if  $p > 100$  (and  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ). The next result shows that, in certain cases, one can combine Theorems 1.2 and 1.4 to describe the exact structure of  $\text{III}[p^\infty]$ :

**Theorem 1.5** Suppose that  $p$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are chosen to satisfy the hypotheses of both Theorems 1.2 and 1.4. If, in addition, the free  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3)$ -module  $\text{III}[\lambda^3]$  has rank 2, then

$$\text{III}[p^\infty] = \text{III}[\lambda^3] \simeq \mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3)^{\oplus 2}.$$

In Section 6 we establish the following application of the above results:

**Theorem 1.6** *Let  $p = 19$ ,  $a = 7$ ,  $b = 1$ . Then*

$$1. \text{ III}[p^\infty] \simeq (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3))^2.$$

2. *The Mordell–Weil rank of  $J_{7,1,-8}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  equals 1.*

3. *The only quadratic points (i.e. algebraic points whose field of definition is a quadratic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) on the Hurwitz–Klein curve  $F_{7,1,-8}$  and also on the Fermat curve  $X^{19} + Y^{19} + Z^{19} = 0$  are those described by Gross and Rohrich in [GR78].*

We also note that, by combining Theorem 1.4 with Faddjev’s bounds in [Fad61], one gets that the Mordell–Weil rank (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) of any tame or wild nonsplit quotient of the Fermat curve  $F_{19}$  or  $F_{23}$  is at most 2. Lim [Lim95] has also stated a result attempting to improve on [McC88] in certain cases. However, in Section 6, we show that the hypotheses of Propositions A and B of [Lim95] are never simultaneously satisfied.

## 2 Formulas for the pairings

We recall the situation and notation of [McC88]. For  $\phi \in \mathcal{O}_K$  and  $F$  a field containing  $K$ , we write  $\delta = \delta_{\phi,F}$  for the coboundary map  $J(F) \rightarrow H^1(F, J[\phi])$ . The  $\phi$ -Selmer group  $S_\phi \subset H^1(K, J[\phi])$  is defined to be the subgroup whose specialization to each completion  $K_v$  of  $K$  lies in the image of  $\delta_{\phi,K_v}$ . It sits in an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow J(K)/\phi J(K) \rightarrow S_\phi \rightarrow \text{III}[\phi] \rightarrow 0.$$

For  $\phi, \psi \in \text{End}(J)$ , we have a pairing

$$(2.1) \quad S_\phi \times S_\psi \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z},$$

described in [McC88], which is a lift of the restriction of the Cassels pairing to  $\text{III}[\phi] \times \text{III}[\psi]$ . An expression for the pairing (2.1) is given in [McC88], under a certain splitting hypothesis.

We use [McC88] to derive formulas for the pairings (1.5) and (1.6). The formula for (1.5) is a straightforward consequence of Theorem 2.6 in [McC88]; the formula for (1.6) takes more work. The point is that  $J[\lambda^3] \subset J(K)$  (Greenberg [Gre81]), so that it is possible to express the pairings (1.2) and (1.5) as purely local pairings at  $w$ , as explained in [McC88]. However, by [Gre81] and Kurihara [Kur92], the  $\lambda^4$ -torsion on  $J^{a,b,c}$  is not in general defined over  $K$ , introducing an essentially global aspect to the calculation of (1.6).

For technical reasons, it is convenient to replace  $\lambda$  with an endomorphism (which we also denote by  $\lambda$ ) that is congruent modulo  $\lambda^5$  to the uniformizer  $\pi$  defined by (1.4), since then

$$\lambda^\delta \equiv \kappa(\delta)\lambda \pmod{\lambda^5}, \quad \delta \in \text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}).$$

In particular, we have  $\lambda \equiv -\lambda$  modulo  $\lambda^5$ , and we will often replace  $\lambda$  with  $-\lambda$  without mention in what follows, in cases where we are dealing with a module killed by  $\lambda^5$ . Furthermore, it suffices to prove Theorems 1.2 and 1.4 with this new choice of  $\lambda$ . Since  $\lambda/\lambda$  is a unit,  $\text{III}[\lambda] = \text{III}[\lambda]$ , and we can proceed by computing the pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\kappa$  mentioned in (2.1) with  $\phi = \lambda^k$  and  $\psi = \lambda$ .

The local formula for the Cassels–Tate pairing is expressed in terms of certain local descent maps as follows. Given a  $p$ -torsion point  $\mathcal{Q}$  in  $J(\overline{K})$  we denote by  $D_{\mathcal{Q}}$  a divisor defined over  $K(\mathcal{Q})$  representing  $\mathcal{Q}$  and by  $f_{\mathcal{Q}}$  a function on  $F_{a,b,c}$  whose divisor is  $pD_{\mathcal{Q}}$ . Evaluating  $f_{\mathcal{Q}}$  on divisors induces a map  $\iota_{\mathcal{Q}} : J(F) \rightarrow F^\times/F^{\times p}$  for any field  $F$  containing  $K(\mathcal{Q})$ . By [Gre81],

$$(2.2) \quad K(J[\lambda_3^3]) = K \quad \text{and} \quad K(J[\lambda_4^4]) = L = K(n_{1/d}^{p-3}),$$

where  $n_{p-3}$  is a generator for the  $\kappa^{p-3}$ -eigenspace of the cyclotomic units in  $K$ . Let  $\tilde{\Delta} \subset \text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q})$  be a subgroup projecting isomorphically to  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$ . For  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , we choose points  $P_i$  of order  $\lambda^i$  on  $J$  and a generator  $\sigma$  for  $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$  such that

1.  $P_1$  is the point represented by the divisor  $(0, 0) - \infty$ ;
2.  $\lambda P_i = P_{i-1}$  for  $i = 2, 3, 4$ ;
3.  $P_i$  is an eigenvector for the action of  $\tilde{\Delta}$  with character  $\kappa^{1-i}$ ;
4.  $\sigma P_i = P_i + P_1$ .

For  $i \leq 4$ , let  $e_{\lambda^i}(P, \mathcal{Q})$  be the  $\lambda^i$  Weil pairing on  $J[\lambda^i]$ . We have an isomorphism  $J[\lambda^i] \simeq \mu_i^p$  defined over  $K(P_i)$  (and thus over  $K$  for  $i \leq 3$ ), given by

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{Q} \mapsto (e_{\lambda^i}(\mathcal{Q}, P_1), \dots, e_{\lambda^i}(\mathcal{Q}, P_i)).$$

With this identification, by [McC88, Lemma 2.2], we have

$$\partial_i = \partial_{\lambda^i, K(P_i)} = \iota_{P_1} \times \dots \times \iota_{P_i}.$$

Since  $J$  has good reduction outside  $p$  and  $\lambda$  has degree  $p$ , we can regard  $S_{\lambda^i}$  as a subgroup of  $H^1(K(p)/K, J[\lambda^i])$ , where  $K(p)/K$  is the maximal extension of  $K$  unramified outside  $p$ . As explained in Section 7 of [McC88], we can also regard  $S_{\lambda^i}$  as a subgroup of  $U^i$  for  $i \leq 3$ , where  $U$  is as defined in (1.3). For  $a, b \in K^\times$ , denote by  $(a, b)$  the Hilbert symbol.

**Proposition 2.1** *Let  $a \in S_{\lambda^2}$ ,  $b \in S_{\lambda}$ ,  $a_w = \delta(x_w)$ ,  $x_w \in J(K_w)$ . Then*

$$\zeta_{p(a,b)^2} = (\iota_{F^3}(x_w), b_w).$$

**Proof** This follows from [McC88, Theorem 2.6], with  $\phi = \lambda^2$  and  $\psi = \lambda$ .  $\square$

For a number field  $F$  we denote by  $\mathcal{O}_F^f$  the ring of  $f$ -integers in  $F$ . Suppose  $F \subset K(d)$  and let  $C$  be the ideal class group of  $\mathcal{O}_F^f$ . Since the group  $\mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times}$  is  $p$ -divisible, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mu_p \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times} \rightarrow 0,$$

which induces a long exact sequence of Galois cohomology

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow H^{i-1}(K(d)/F, \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times}) \xrightarrow{p} H^{i-1}(K(d)/F, \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times}) \rightarrow \\ H^i(K(d)/F, \mu_p) \rightarrow H^i(K(d)/F, \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times}) \xrightarrow{p} H^i(K(d)/F, \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times}) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

If  $i = 1$  then, since  $H^1(K(d)/F, \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times})$  is isomorphic to  $C$ , we obtain the exact sequence

$$(2.4) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_F^f / \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^f \rightarrow H^1(K(d)/F, \mu_p) \rightarrow C[d] \rightarrow 0.$$

Also, by [NSW00, VIII.3], it follows that  $H^2(K(d)/F, \mathcal{O}_{K(d)}^{\times})[d^{\infty}]$  can be identified with the subgroup  $\text{Br}(K(d)|F)[d^{\infty}]$  of  $\text{Br}(F)[d^{\infty}]$ . Setting  $i = 2$  in the above long exact cohomology sequence gives another exact sequence

$$(2.5) \quad 0 \rightarrow C/pC \rightarrow H^2(K(d)/F, \mu_p) \rightarrow \text{Br}(K(d)/F)[d] \rightarrow 0.$$

**Lemma 2.2** *Every element of  $H^1(K(d)/F, J[\lambda^k])$  lifts to  $H^1(K(d)/F, J[\lambda^{k+1}])$ . Moreover, if  $p$  is regular, it lifts to  $H^1(K(d)/F, J[\lambda^{k+1}])$ .*

**Proof** Let  $a \in H^1(K(d)/F, J[\lambda^k])$ , and let  $\delta a \in H^2(K(d)/F, J[\lambda])$  be the coboundary of  $a$  for the sequence

$$(2.6) \quad 0 \rightarrow J[\lambda] \rightarrow J[\lambda^{k+1}] \rightarrow J[\lambda^k] \rightarrow 0.$$

Then the inflation of  $\delta a$  in  $H^2(K, J[\lambda]) \simeq H^2(K, \mu_p) = \text{Br}(K)[p]$  has zero invariant at every place not dividing  $p$ . Thus it is zero by the Brauer–Hass–Noether theorem (since there is only one place of  $K$  dividing  $p$ ). For the second statement, we argue in the same way, using (2.5).  $\square$

We recall the definition of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_3$ . Let  $a \in S_{\lambda^3}$  and  $b \in S_{\lambda}$ . Lift  $a$  to an element  $a_1$  of  $H^1(K, J[\lambda^4])$  (which is possible by Lemma 2.2). For each place

$v$  of  $K$ , lift  $a_v$  to an element  $a_{v,1}$  that is in the image of  $\delta$ . Then  $a_{1,v} - a_{v,1}$  is the image of an element  $c_v \in H^1(K_v, J[\lambda])$ , and

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \sum_v^a c_v \cup b_v$$

where the cup product is with respect to the local pairing

$$H^1(K_v, J[\lambda]) \times H^1(K_v, J[\lambda]) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

If  $p$  is regular,  $L/K$  is totally ramified at  $w$ , and there is a unique extension of  $w$  to  $L$ , that we also denote by  $w$ . Let  $N' = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} i\sigma^i$ .

**Proposition 2.3** Let  $a \in S_{\lambda^3}$ ,  $b \in S_{\lambda}$ ,  $a_w = \delta(x_w)$ ,  $x_w \in J(K_w)$ . Suppose that  $\lambda_2^* a$ , regarded as an element of  $\mathcal{O}_{\times p}^K / \mathcal{O}_{\times p}^K$ , can be written as  $N_{L/K} \epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{O}_L^{\times}$ . Then there exists a  $\lambda^4$ -torsion point  $P_{\lambda^4}$ , and an element  $c_w \in K_{\times}^w$  such that

$$\zeta^{p(a,b)_3} = (c_w, b^w),$$

and the image of  $c_w$  in  $L_{\times}^w / L_{\times p}^w$  satisfies

$$c_w = \iota_{P_{\lambda^4}}(x_w)^{-1} \eta N' \epsilon,$$

where  $\eta \in H^1(K(d)/L, \mu_p)_{\mathcal{G}}$ . In addition, if  $a$  and  $b$  are eigenvectors for the action of  $\Delta$ , we may assume that  $c_w$  is also.

**Proof** Consider the sequence

$$(2.7) \quad 0 \rightarrow J[\lambda] \rightarrow J[\lambda^4] \rightarrow J[\lambda^3] \rightarrow 0$$

and the commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow & H^1(K(d)/L, J[\lambda])_{\mathcal{G}} & \rightarrow & H^1(K(d)/L, J[\lambda^4])_{\mathcal{G}} & \xrightarrow{\lambda^*} & H^1(K(d)/L, J[\lambda^3])_{\mathcal{G}} & \rightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow \text{res}_{L/K} & & \downarrow \text{res}_{L/K} & & \downarrow \text{res}_{L/K} & \\ & H^1(K(d)/K, J[\lambda]) & \rightarrow & H^1(K(d)/K, J[\lambda^4]) & \xrightarrow{\lambda^*} & H^1(K(d)/K, J[\lambda^3]) & \end{array}$$

The top row is exact because (2.7) splits over  $L$ , and hence the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(K(d)/L, J[\lambda]) \rightarrow H^1(K(d)/L, J[\lambda^4]) \rightarrow H^1(K(d)/L, J[\lambda^3])$$

is exact. By Lemma 2.2,  $a$  lifts to an element  $a_1 \in H^1(K(d)/K, J[\lambda^4])$ . Let  $a_1' \in H^1(K(d)/L, J[\lambda^4])_{\mathcal{G}}$  be any lift of  $\text{res}_{L/K} a$  (itself is one such). Then

$$(2.8) \quad \text{res}_{L/K} a_1' = a_1' \eta \quad \text{and} \quad a_1' \in H^1(K(d)/L, \mu_p)_{\mathcal{G}}.$$

We now construct a candidate for  $d_1^i$ . Under the identification (2.3) between  $J[\lambda^i]$  and  $H^d$ , the map  $\lambda^{i-1} : J[\lambda^i] \rightarrow J[\lambda]$  corresponds to projection on the first component. Hence under the identification  $H^1(K, J[\lambda^3]) = (K \times / K \times)_3$ ,  $a$  corresponds to an element  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in (K \times / K \times)_3$ , and  $\lambda^2 a = x_1$ . Moreover, in the identification

$$H^1(K, J[\lambda^4]) \simeq (T \times / T \times)_4,$$

the action of  $\sigma$  on  $H^1(K, J[\lambda^4])$  is intertwined with

$$(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) \mapsto (t_1^1, t_2^2, t_3^3, t_4^4), \quad t_i \in T \times / T \times.$$

Thus  $(t_i)$  is fixed by  $G$  if

$$t_i^i = t_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad \text{and} \quad t_{\sigma^{-1}}^i = t_i^{-1}.$$

By hypothesis,  $x_1 = N_{L/K} \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{O}_\times^L$ . Then

$$(2.9) \quad d_1^i = (x_1, x_2, x_3, N^i \epsilon)$$

is an equivariant lift of  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ .

Now let  $a_{w,1}$  be the local lift of  $a$  given by  $a_{w,1} = \delta_4(x_w)$ . Then

$$(2.10) \quad \text{res}_{L^w/K^w} a_{w,1} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \iota_{P^4}(x_w)).$$

Thus, from equations (2.8), (2.9), and (2.10), we get

$$\text{res}_{L^w/K^w}(c_w) = \text{res}_{L^w/K^w}(a_{1,w} - a_{w,1}) = \iota_{P^4}(x_w) - \iota_{P^4} N^i \epsilon.$$

The last statement of the proposition is clear, since at each stage in the calculation we can choose eigenvectors, and the maps  $\lambda$  and  $\iota_{P^i}$  are also eigenvectors for the action of  $\Delta$ , by the choices we have made of  $\lambda$  and  $P^i$ .  $\square$

### 3 The local approximation

Let  $P^i$  be as in the previous section,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , let  $D_i$  be a divisor on  $F^{a,b,c}$  representing  $P^i$ , and let  $f^i$  be a function whose divisor is  $pD_i$ . Take  $D_i$  and  $f^i$  to be defined over  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$  if  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and over  $L = K(\eta^{1/p_3})$  if  $i = 4$ . The maps  $\iota_{P^i}$  in Propositions 2.1 and 2.3 are computed by evaluating  $f^i$  on certain divisors. We use the approximation technique in [McC88] to find expansions for  $f^i$  on  $p$ -adic discs in  $F^{a,b,c}$ . Given a function  $f$  whose divisor is divisible by  $p$  we approximate  $f$  on an affinoid  $Y$  in  $F^{a,b,c}$  using the fact that

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{df}{f} \equiv \omega \pmod{p}.$$



for some holomorphic differential  $\omega$  on  $F^{a,b,c}$  ([McC88], Theorem 5.2). For general facts about rigid analysis, we refer the reader to [BGR84].

We recall the notion of congruence used in (3.1). If  $Y$  is a one-dimensional affinoid defined over an extension  $F$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  with uniformizer  $\pi_F$ , we let  $A(Y)$  be the ring of rigid analytic functions on  $Y$ ,  $M(Y)$  the quotient field of  $A(Y)$ , and  $D(Y)$  the module of Kähler differentials of  $M(Y)$ . We define sub- $\mathcal{O}_F$ -modules

$$\begin{aligned} A_0(Y) &= \{f \in A(Y) : |f(x)| \leq 1 \text{ for all } x \in Y(\mathbb{C}_p)\} \\ M_0(Y) &= \{f/g : f \in A_0(Y), g \in A_0(Y) \setminus \pi^r A_0(Y)\} \\ D_0(Y) &= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^i f_i dg_i : f_i, g_i \in M_0(Y) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $f, g \in A(Y)$ ,  $c \in F$ , we say that  $f \equiv g \pmod{c}$  if  $(f - g) \in cA_0(Y)$ , and similarly we define the notion of congruence on  $Y$  in  $M(Y)$  and  $D(Y)$ . In order to deduce from (3.1) information about power series expansions of  $f$  on closed discs in  $Y$ , we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1** *Suppose that  $Y$  is a one-dimensional affinoid over a finite extension  $F$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $Y$  has good reduction, and  $Z$  is an affinoid contained in  $Y$ , isomorphic to a closed disc. If  $\omega \in D_0(Y)$  is a differential with at worst simple poles on  $Y$  that is regular on  $Z$ , then  $\omega \in D_0(Z)$ .*

**Proof** Since  $Z$  is isomorphic to a closed disc, it is contained in a residue class  $U$  of  $Y$  (or is equal to  $Y$ , in which case there is nothing to prove). It is clear from the definitions that  $D_0(Y)|_U = D_0(U)$ , hence  $\omega \in D_0(U)$ . Furthermore, since  $Y$  has good reduction,  $U$  is isomorphic to an open disc. Choose a parameter  $t$  for  $U$  such that  $Z$  is the disc  $|t| \leq |c| > 1$  for some  $c \in F$ , and write

$$\omega = g dt + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{t^{-b_i}}{a_i} dt, \quad g \in \mathcal{O}_F[[t]], \quad a_i, b_i \in \mathcal{O}_F, \quad |c| > |b_i| > 1.$$

Expanding the polar terms in powers of  $t/b_i$  and setting  $t = cs$ , we get  $\omega = f ds$  for some  $f \in \mathcal{O}_F[[s]]$ . Since  $s$  is a parameter on  $Z$ , this proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2** *Suppose that  $f$  is a function whose divisor is divisible by  $p$ . Let  $Y$  be an affinoid with good reduction contained in  $F^{a,b,c}$  and let  $Z$  be a  $p$ -adic disc contained in  $Y$  such that there is a function on  $F^{a,b,c}$  restricting to a parameter on  $Z$ . If  $\omega$  satisfies the congruence (3.1)  $\pmod{p}$ , then it satisfies the same congruence  $\pmod{p}$ .*

**Proof** With notation as in [McC88], we have

$$\frac{df}{f} = \omega + pn, \quad n \in D_0(Y).$$

Let  $g$  be a function on  $F^{a,b,c}$  such that  $f/g^p$  is regular on  $Z$  (we can construct  $g$  using a parameter on  $Z$  as in the hypotheses). Since a suitable scalar multiple of  $g$  is in  $M_0(Y)$ ,  $d \log g \in D_0(Y)$ . Thus  $n - d \log g \in D_0(Y)$  and is also regular on  $Z$ , and hence is in  $D_0(Z)$  by Lemma 3.1. Thus

$$\frac{df}{f} \equiv \frac{df}{f} - \frac{d}{d} \frac{g}{g} = \omega + d \left( n - \frac{d}{d} \frac{g}{g} \right) \equiv \omega \pmod{Z, d}. \quad \square$$

We apply these considerations to the affinoid  $Y$  introduced in [McC88] and defined as follows. Choose  $\pi_K = \pi$  as the uniformizer for  $K^w$ . Let  $s$  and  $t$  be the functions on  $F^{a,b,c}$  defined by

$$(3.2) \quad x = -\frac{c}{d} (1 + \pi^{(p-1)/2} s)$$

$$(3.3) \quad y = (-1)^c a^c b^c (1 + \pi t).$$

Let  $Y$  be the affinoid defined over  $L^w$  by the inequalities

$$|t| \leq |\pi^{-1}|, \quad |s| \leq 1.$$

A basis of holomorphic differentials on  $F^{a,b,c}$  is

$$\omega_k = E_k \frac{dx^{\lfloor \frac{a}{k} \rfloor} (1-x)^{\lfloor \frac{b}{k} \rfloor}}{dx}, \quad k \in H^{a,b,c}$$

for some constants  $E_k$  and where  $H^{a,b,c}$  is a certain subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  of cardinality  $(p-1)/2$  (we can identify  $H^{a,b,c}$  with the CM-type of  $F^{a,b,c}$ ). We can and do choose the constants  $E_k$  so that  $\omega_k$  has expansion

$$(3.4) \quad \omega_k \equiv ds \pmod{\pi^L},$$

(note that this normalization is different from that of [McC88]). Now  $P_1$  is the  $\lambda$ -torsion point represented by the divisor  $(0, 0) - \infty$ , and we choose  $f_1 = x$ . In [McC88] it was shown that

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{df_1}{f_1} \equiv \pi^{(p-1)/2} \sum_{k \in H^{a,b,c}} b^k \omega_k \pmod{p}$$

for some  $p$ -adic integers  $b_k$  satisfying

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_{k \in H^{a,b,c}} b^k R^k \equiv \begin{cases} 0 & 1 \leq i \leq (p-3)/2 \\ F & i = 0 \end{cases} \pmod{\pi^K}, \quad F \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}^\times.$$

Note that although it was assumed that  $F_{a,b,c}$  is wild split in Section 5 of [McC88], there is nothing in the definition of  $Y$  or the calculation showing (3.5) and (3.6) that uses this assumption. It is only at the end of that section that the assumption comes in.

**Lemma 3.3** *If*

$$\sum_{k \in H_{a,b,c}} u_k \omega_k \equiv \sum_{k \in H_{a,b,c}} v_k \omega_k \pmod{\pi^{n+(d-3)/2}}$$

*then*

$$u_k \equiv v_k \pmod{\pi^n}, \quad k \in H_{a,b,c}.$$

**Proof** See pages 658–659 of [McC88].  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4** *We have*

$$\sum_{k \in H_{a,b,c}} \frac{df_3}{f_3} \equiv \sum_{k \in H_{a,b,c}} c_k \omega_k \pmod{\pi^{d-5}/2}, \quad c_k \equiv 0$$

*and*

$$\sum_{k \in H_{a,b,c}} \frac{df_4}{f_4} \equiv \sum_{k \in H_{a,b,c}} d_k \omega_k \pmod{\pi^{d-5}/2}, \quad d_k \equiv -\pi^{d-7/2} \frac{1}{k_3} \pmod{\pi^{d-5}/2}, \quad (3.7)$$

*where the  $b_k$  are as in equation (3.5).*

**Proof** We have

$$\chi^2 \frac{df_3}{f_3} \equiv \frac{f_1}{df_1} \pmod{\pi^2 d}$$

Since  $\zeta^* \omega_k = \zeta^{-k} \omega_k$ , we have  $\chi^* \omega_k = \chi^\sigma \omega_k$ , for some  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(K^w/\mathbb{Q}^p)$ . Hence

$$\chi^{2\sigma} c_k \equiv \pi^{d-1/2} b_k \pmod{\pi^{d+1/2}}.$$

Thus  $c_k \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^{d-5/2}}$ , as claimed. Similarly, we have  $\chi_3^*(df_4/f_4) \equiv (df_1/f_1)$ , so  $\chi_{3\sigma} d_k \equiv \pi^{d-1/2} b_k \pmod{\pi^{d+1/2}}$ . Furthermore, since  $\zeta^\sigma = \zeta^{-k}$ , it follows from our choice of  $\lambda$  that  $\chi^\sigma/\pi \equiv -k \pmod{\pi}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq p-1$ , so we get equation (3.7).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5**

$$-\sum_{k \in H_{a,b,c}} \frac{b_k}{k_3} \equiv F(q)(a^2 b^2 c^2)^3 + abcB^{p-3} \pmod{\pi},$$

*where  $F$  is as in (3.6).*

**Proof** Let  $n = (p - 1)/2$ . Define

$$\Gamma^k(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^n & x_2^{n-1+k} \\ x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^4 & \dots & x_2^{2n} & x_2^{n-1+k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{n-2} & x_{n-2}^2 & x_{n-2}^4 & \dots & x_{n-2}^{2n} & x_{n-1+k}^n \\ x_{n-1+k} & x_{n-1+k}^2 & x_{n-1+k}^4 & \dots & x_{n-1+k}^{2n} & x_{n-1+k}^n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then an elementary linear algebra calculation using (3.6) gives

$$\sum_{k \in H_{a,b,c}} \frac{k^3}{b^k} \equiv F\Gamma^3(H_{-1}^{-1}(H_{a,b,c}^0)/\Gamma^0(H_{-1}^{-1}(H_{a,b,c}^0))) \pmod{\pi}.$$

Let  $S_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be the  $i$ th symmetric function. Then

$$\Gamma^3 = \Gamma^0(S_3^1 - 2S_1S_2 + S_3).$$

This can be proved by the usual method: the determinant vanishes if  $x_i = x_j$  for  $i \neq j$ , or if there is a polynomial of degree  $n + 2$  vanishing on the  $x_i$ , and with no term of degree  $n - 1, n$ , or  $n + 1$ . Thus, if the roots of the polynomial are  $x_1, \dots, x_n, \alpha, \beta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha + \beta + S_1 &= 0, \\ S_2 + \alpha + \beta(S_1 + \alpha\beta) &= 0, \\ \alpha\beta S_1 + \alpha S_2 + \beta S_2 + S_3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Eliminating  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  gives the condition  $S_3^1 - 2S_1S_2 + S_3 = 0$ . Now, we have

$$(3.8) \quad S_1(H_{-1}^{-1}(H_{a,b,c}^0)) \equiv -q(a^n b^c),$$

$$(3.9) \quad S_2(H_{-1}^{-1}(H_{a,b,c}^0)) \equiv 0,$$

$$(3.10) \quad S_3(H_{-1}^{-1}(H_{a,b,c}^0)) \equiv -\frac{3}{B^{p-3}}(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \equiv -abcB^{p-3}.$$

It is explained in [McC88], Lemma 5.24, how equation (3.8) follows from [Van20, 17]; equation (3.9) follows from parity considerations; and equation (3.10) follows from [Van20, 17].  $\square$

We now define  $p$ -adic discs in  $Y$ , to which we apply Lemma 3.2. Let  $X$  be the sub-affinoid of  $Y$  defined by  $|t| \leq 1$  in the wild case and by  $|s| \leq |\pi^k|$  in the tame case. Let  $E_w$  be the quadratic unramified extension of  $K_w$ . If  $F_{a,b,c}$  is wild,  $X$  is isomorphic to a union of two closed discs, which are defined over  $K_w$  in the split case and over  $E_w$  in the non-split case. Furthermore,  $T = t$  is

a parameter on each disc. If  $F_{a,b,c}$  is tame, then  $X$  is isomorphic to a union of  $p$  closed discs defined over  $K_w$ , and  $T = s/\pi^k$  is a parameter on each disc. For proofs of these facts we refer the reader to [McC88] (where  $T = s'$  in the tame case). We denote by  $Z$  any of the discs that are components of  $X$ , with parameter  $T$ . We can write

$$f_i|_X = C^i u_i(T) v_i(T) g_i(T)^p, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4,$$

where  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are unit power series with constant term 1 and integer coefficients,  $u_i$  has no terms in  $T^p$ , and  $g_i$  is a monic polynomial with integer coefficients. Furthermore, these conditions uniquely determine the  $u_i, v_i$  and  $g_i$ . Then

$$(3.11) \quad \frac{df_i}{du_i} \equiv \frac{f_i}{u_i} \pmod{p}.$$

For a  $p$ -adic field  $H$  we denote by  $U^H[[T]]$  the power series in  $\mathcal{O}^H[[T]]$  which are congruent to 1 modulo the maximal ideal in  $\mathcal{O}^H[[T]]$ .

**Theorem 3.6** *Let  $Z$  be any of the discs that are components of  $X$  and let  $T$  be a parameter on  $Z$ . Then*

$$(3.12) \quad u_i = 1 + \pi^{(p+3)/2-i} D_i T + O(\pi^{(p+5)/2-i} T^2),$$

where  $|D_i| \leq 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Moreover,  $|D_1| = 1$ , and under the hypotheses of Theorem 1.4,  $|D_4| = 1$  and

$$\frac{D_4}{D_1} \equiv q(a^4 b^3 c^3 + abc B^{p-3}).$$

Finally,  $u_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  are defined over  $E_w$ , and

$$u_4 \in 1 + \pi_K^{-(5)/2} D_4 T U^{E_w}[[T]] + \pi_K^{(p+1)/2} \pi_L^{-3} E D_1 T U^{E_w}[[T]],$$

where  $E \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}^\times$  is independent of the triple  $(a, b, c)$  and  $F_w$  is the quadratic unramified extension of  $L_w$ .

**Proof** In both wild and tame cases we have  $\omega_i \equiv \pi D_i T \pmod{\pi^2}$  for all  $k \in H_{a,b,c}$ , with  $D_i \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}^\times$  independent of  $k$ . This follows from our normalization (3.4), since in the tame case we have

$$(3.13) \quad s = \pi T,$$

and in the wild case it follows from [McC88, (5.6)], where it is shown that the expansion of  $s$  in terms of  $t$  on either of the discs in  $X$  is

$$(3.14) \quad s^2 = \frac{ac}{-q(a^2 b^2 c^2) 2b} + \pi \frac{ac}{2b} t^p + O(\pi^2).$$

The statements about  $D_1$  follow from (3.2), (3.13), (in the tame case) and (3.14) (in the wild case), since  $f_1 = x$ . The statement about  $D_2$  was proved in [McC88, Theorem 5.13]. Although this theorem is stated only for the wild split case, the consequence (3.12) is easily seen to hold also in the other cases (the part of Theorem 5.13 specific to the wild split case translates into the statement  $|D_2| = 1$  in the current notation, and we do not need it here). The statements about  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  follow from Proposition 3.4, Lemma 3.5, and (3.11). The statement about the ratio  $D_4/D_1$  follows from (3.5), the case  $i = 0$  of (3.6), (3.7), and Lemma 3.5, taking note of the normalization (3.4) and the fact that  $ds \equiv \text{unit} \times \pi dT \pmod{\pi^2}$ . The statements about the fields of definition follow from the fact that  $f_i$  is defined over  $K$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $f_4$  is defined over  $L$ , and that the discs  $Z$  are always defined over  $E^w$ . The final statement follows from considerations of ramification theory. Locally, we have  $n^{p-3} = 1 + a\pi^{p-3}$  modulo  $p$ th powers, so the (upper) conductor of  $L^w/K^w$  is 3. Now, it follows from the properties of the  $P_i$  that  $u_{\sigma^{-1}}^i \equiv n_1$  modulo  $\mathcal{O}_{F^w}[[T]] \times_p U^{F^w}[[T^p]]$ , and, since  $n_1 \in 1 + \pi^{(p+1)/2} D_1 U^{F^w}[[T]]$ , this implies the final statement with  $E$  such that  $(\sigma - 1)\pi^L E \equiv E^{-1} \pmod{\pi^L}$ .  $\square$

## 4 Computation of the Cassels pairing

Recall the local descent maps

$$\delta_i = \iota_{P_i} \times \dots \times \iota_{P_i} : J(K^w) \rightarrow (K_{\times}^w / K_{\times p}^w)_i$$

described in Section 2. We start by noting a couple of properties that follow from the choice of  $P_i$  made in Section 2. First, we have

$$(4.1) \quad \iota_{P_i} \circ \lambda = \iota_{P_i^{-1}}, \quad i = 2, 3, 4.$$

Second, for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  we have, from eigenspace considerations,

$$(4.2) \quad \iota_{P_i}(J(K^w)(k)) \subset V(k-i+1).$$

Let  $A \subset J(K^w)$  be the subgroup generated by divisors supported on the discs  $|T| \leq |\pi_K|$  in  $X$ . Let

$$V[i, j] = \bigoplus_{i \leq k \leq j} V(k).$$

Note that  $V(i) = 0$  for  $i > p$ .

**Proposition 4.1** *We have*

$$(4.3) \quad \iota_{P_i}(A) \subset V[(p+5)/2 - i, p], \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

$$V^{\text{global}} = \bigoplus_{\substack{i \\ 2 \leq i \leq p-3 \\ \text{even}}} V(i).$$

Define a subspace  $V^{\text{global}} \subset V$  by

statement of the proposition.  $\square$

Now it follows from local duality that  $\text{im } \delta_2$  must be maximal isotropic with respect to the cup product pairing on  $(K^\times/K^{\times p})_2 = H^1(K, J[\lambda^2])$  induced by the Weil pairing on  $J[\lambda^2]$ . Since  $\lambda^2 = \lambda^2$ , the Weil pairing is skew symmetric. Thus the pairing on  $(K^\times/K^{\times p})_2$  is a nonzero multiple of  $((a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2)) \mapsto (a_1, b_2)^w (b_1, a_2)^{-w}$ , where  $(, )^w$  denotes the Hilbert symbol at  $w$ . The only maximal isotropic subgroup satisfying (4.6) and (4.7) is the one given in the

$$(4.7) \quad \text{im } \delta_2 \subset 1 \times V[(p+3)/2, p].$$

Furthermore, given  $u \in V[(p+3)/2, p]$ , we can find  $a \in A$  such that  $\iota_{P_1}(a) = u$ , and  $\iota_{P_2}(a) \in V[(p+1)/2, p] \subset \text{im } \iota_{P_1}$ . Thus, modifying  $a$  by  $\lambda J(K^w)$ , we can choose it so that  $\iota_{P_2}(a) = 1$ . Hence

$$(4.6) \quad \text{im } \delta_2 \cap (K^\times/K^{\times p}) \times 1 = \text{im } \delta_1 \times 1 = V[(p+1)/2, p] \times 1$$

**Proof** From (4.1) with  $i = 2$  we have

$$\delta_2(J(K^w)) = V[(p+1)/2, p].$$

**Proposition 4.2** *If  $F^{a,b,c}$  is wild nonsplit or tame, then*

This implies the statements (4.4) and (4.5) in the case  $i = 1$ , and also that the image of  $A$  in  $J(K^w)/\lambda J(K^w)$  has codimension 1, and the eigenvalue of the quotient is  $\kappa^{(p-1)/2}$  in the wild split case and  $\kappa^{(p+1)/2}$  in the other cases. The remaining statements now follow from (4.1), (4.2), and (4.3).  $\square$

$$\text{im } \iota_{P_1} = \begin{cases} V((p-1)/2) \oplus V[(p+3)/2, p] & \text{if } F^{a,b,c} \text{ is wild split,} \\ V[(p+1)/2, p] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

proved that

**Proof** The inclusions in (4.3) follow immediately from Theorem 3.6, as does the claim that the inclusion is equality in the case  $i = 1$ . Now Faddeev [Fad61]

Furthermore, in the case  $i = 1$ , the inclusions in (4.3) and (4.5) are equalities.

$$(4.5) \quad \iota_{P_1^i}(J(K^w)) \subset V[(p+3)/2 - i, p], \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

If  $F^{a,b,c}$  is wild nonsplit or tame, we have

$$(4.4) \quad \iota_{P_1^i}(J(K^w)) \subset V[(p+1)/2 - i, p], \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

If  $F^{a,b,c}$  is wild split, we have

**Proposition 4.3** *Assume  $p \geq 11$  and  $F^{a,b,c}$  is wild nonsplit or tame. There exists a point  $x \in A$  such that  $\iota_{P_1}(x)$  generates  $V((p+5)/2)$  and  $\iota_{P_i}(x) \in V^{\text{global}}$  for  $i = 2, 3$ .*

**Proof** It follows from Proposition 4.1 that  $A$ , regarded as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\zeta]$ -submodule of  $J(K^w)$ , has codimension at most 1. Hence  $\delta_3(A)$  has codimension  $\leq 3$  as a  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -vector space in  $\delta_3(J(K^w))$ . By Proposition 4.1 we can choose  $x \in A$  such that  $\iota_{P_1}(x)$  generates  $V((p+5)/2)$ . This condition leaves freedom to modify  $x$  by anything in  $\lambda J(K^w)$ , which would change  $\delta_3(x)$  by anything in  $\text{im } \delta_2$ . Thus, modifying  $x$  as needed, we can ensure that  $\iota_{P_i}(x) \in V^{\text{global}}$ ,  $i = 2, 3$ . The number of degrees of freedom in performing this modification is equal to the dimension of  $\text{im } \delta_2 \cap V^{\text{global}}$ , which is at least 4 if  $p \geq 11$ , by Proposition 4.2. Thus we can ensure that  $x$  remains in  $A$  when making the modification.  $\square$

**Computation of the Cassels pairing for Theorem 1.2** We now use Proposition 2.1 to show that the pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$  is trivial under the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2. In the next section we explain how this implies the theorem. Denote by  $\ell_i: S_{\chi_i} \rightarrow J(K^w)/\chi_i J(K^w)$  the localization map. We claim that, under the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2,  $\iota_{P_1}(\ell_1(S_{\chi_i})) \subset V[(p+3)/2, p]$  or  $\iota_{P_1}(\ell_1(S_{\chi_i})) \subset V[(p+1)/2] \oplus V[(p+5)/2, p]$ . Now,  $V(i)$  pairs nontrivially with  $V(j)$  under the Hilbert pairing if and only if  $i+j \equiv p \pmod{p-1}$ . Thus, it follows from our claim and from (4.2) that  $\iota_{P_3}(J(K^w))$  pairs trivially with  $\iota_{P_1}(\ell_1(J(K^w)))$ .

To see the claim, note that if hypothesis (a) of Theorem 1.2 is satisfied, namely that  $F^{a,b,c}$  is wild split and  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then, by [Fad61],  $\iota_{P_1}(\ell_1(S_{\chi_i})) \subset V((p-1)/2) \oplus V[(p+3)/2, p]$ . Furthermore, we can eliminate  $V((p-1)/2)$  as a possibility, because  $\ell_1$  factors through  $H^1(K(d)/K, \mu_p) \rightarrow H^1(K^w, \mu_p)$ . Since  $(p-1)/2$  is odd, it follows from (2.4) that  $\ell_1$  can have nontrivial image in  $V((p-1)/2)$  only if  $C((p-1)/2)$  is nontrivial, which would imply  $p \mid B^{(p+1)/2}$ . This never happens if  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . If hypothesis (b) of Theorem 1.2 is satisfied, namely that  $F^{a,b,c}$  is wild nonsplit or tame and the image of  $U$  in either  $V((p+1)/2)$  or  $V((p+3)/2)$  is trivial, then the claim follows immediately from (4.5).

The proof of Theorem 1.4 uses the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.4** *Suppose  $p \geq 5$  is regular, and let  $L$  be as in (2.2). Then*

1. *the map  $H^1(K(d)/L, \mu_p) \rightarrow H^1(L^w, \mu_p)$  is injective*

2. *the norm map  $N_{L/K}: \mathcal{O}_L^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_K^\times$  is surjective*

3.  *$H^1(K(d)/L, \mu_p)(i) = 0$  if  $i$  is odd and  $i \neq 1$ , or if  $i = p-1$ .*



**Proof** Let  $H_K$  (resp.  $H_L$ ) be the Hilbert class field of  $K$  (resp.  $L$ ). Since  $L/K$  is unramified outside  $p$ , and there is only prime of  $L$  above  $p$ , it follows that  $\text{Gal}(H_L/L)/(\sigma - 1) \simeq \text{Gal}(H_K/K)$ . Therefore  $p$  does not divide the order of the class group  $C_L \simeq \text{Gal}(H_L/L)$ . The injectivity statement follows, since anything in the kernel would generate an unramified Kummer extension of  $L$  of degree  $p$ . Furthermore, every unit of  $K$  is a local norm everywhere except possibly at the prime above  $p$ , and therefore is a local norm there also by the product formula. Thus it is a global norm. The surjectivity of the norm map follows by a standard argument using  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$  cohomology of the sequences

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_L^\times \rightarrow L^\times \rightarrow P_L \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \rightarrow P_L \rightarrow I_L \rightarrow C_L \rightarrow 1,$$

where  $I_L$  and  $P_L$  are the groups of ideals and principal ideals respectively. Finally, by (2.4),

$$H_1^T(K(d)/K, \mu_p) = \mathcal{O}_L^K / \mathcal{O}_L^T \quad \text{and} \quad H_1^T(K(d)/L, \mu_p) = \mathcal{O}_L^T / \mathcal{O}_L^T.$$

Moreover, the cokernel of  $\mathcal{O}_L^K / \mathcal{O}_L^T$  in  $(\mathcal{O}_L^T / \mathcal{O}_L^T)_G$  is  $H_2^T(L/K, \mu_p) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , with  $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q})$  acting via  $\kappa^{-3}$ , since it acts on  $G$  via  $\kappa^3$ . Since  $p - 3$  is even and  $(\mathcal{O}_L^K / \mathcal{O}_L^T)(i) = 0$  if  $i$  is odd and  $i \neq 1$ , or if  $i = p - 1$ , the third statement of the lemma follows.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 1.4** We exhibit  $a \in S_\lambda$  and  $b \in S_\lambda$  which pair non-trivially under the Cassels pairing.

Since  $p$  is regular, the exact sequence [McC88, 7.3] identifies  $U$  with  $\mathcal{O}_L^K / \mathcal{O}_L^T$ . Thus  $S_\lambda \subset (\mathcal{O}_L^K / \mathcal{O}_L^T)^i$  for  $i \leq 3$ . The Selmer group is the subgroup obtained by imposing the local conditions at  $w$ . Since  $(p + 1)/2$  is even, we can choose an element  $b \in \mathcal{O}_L^K / \mathcal{O}_L^T$  which generates  $V((p + 1)/2)$ , and  $b$  satisfies the local condition by Proposition 4.1, so  $b \in S_\lambda$ .

As for  $a$ , by Proposition 4.3 there exists  $a^w = (a^{w_1}, a^{w_2}, a^{w_3}) = \delta_3(x)$ ,  $x \in A$ , such that  $a^{w_1}$  generates  $V((p + 5)/2)$  and  $a^{w_2}, a^{w_3} \in V^{\text{global}}$ . Using a suitable projector, we may further assume that  $x$  is an eigenvector for the action of  $\Delta$ . Choose eigenvectors  $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_L^K / \mathcal{O}_L^T$  specializing to  $a^{w_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and define  $a \in S_\lambda$  by  $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ .

Now, by Lemma 4.4,  $\lambda_2^* a = a_1 \in V((p + 5)/2)$  is the norm of a global unit in  $\mathcal{O}_L^T$ , and by Proposition 2.3, the Cassels pairing of  $a$  and  $b$  is the Hilbert pairing  $(c_w, b^w)$ , where  $c_w \in K^\times / K^{\times p}$  is an eigenvector and

$$(4.8) \quad c_w = \iota_{P_1}^{-1} \eta' \epsilon \quad \text{in } L^\times / L^{\times p}$$

where  $\eta \in H_1^T(K(d)/L, \mu_p)_G$ . We can identify the precise eigenspace in which  $c_w$  lies as follows. Since  $a^{w_1} = \iota_{P_1}(x)$ , and since  $P_1$  is fixed by  $\Delta$ ,  $x$  has

eigenvalue  $\kappa^{(p+5)/2}$ . Then, since  $\lambda$  has eigenvalue  $\kappa$  (modulo  $\lambda^5$ ), it follows that  $\delta_3(x)$ , and hence  $c^w$ , have eigenvalue  $\kappa^{(p+5)/2-3} = \kappa^{(p-1)/2}$ . Thus we may assume without loss of generality that  $c^w, \eta, N'\epsilon, \text{ and } \iota P^4(x)$  are eigenvectors for a lift  $\tilde{\Delta}$  of  $\Delta = \text{Gal}(K^w/\mathbb{Q}^p)$  to  $\text{Gal}(L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p)$ , with eigenvalue  $\kappa^{(p-1)/2}$ . Since  $\eta \in H^1(K(p)/L, H^p)^c$ , its projection onto an eigenspace  $(L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p)(i)$  with  $i > 1$  odd is trivial, by Lemma 4.4. This applies in particular to  $i = (p-1)/2$ , so that the image of  $\eta$  in  $L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p$  is trivial. Under the Hilbert pairing the  $\kappa^{(p-1)/2}$  and  $\kappa^{(p+1)/2}$  eigenspaces of  $K^w/\mathbb{Q}^p$  pair nontrivially. Thus, to prove that the pairing  $(c^w, b^w)$  is nontrivial, it suffices to show that  $c^w$  is not a  $p$ th power, and for that it suffices to show that its image in  $L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p$  is nontrivial.

Since  $x \in A$ , we may choose a divisor  $D$  supported on  $|T| \leq |\pi|$  such that  $a_{w,i} = f_i(D)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Since  $D$  is supported on  $|T| \leq |\pi|$ , we have

$$n = f_4(D) \equiv n_4(D) \pmod{L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p} (1 + \pi^p \mathcal{O}_{L^w}).$$

From the Galois properties of the  $P_i$ , we have

$$(4.9) \quad n \in (L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p)(p-1/2), \quad (\sigma - 1)n = v,$$

where  $v$  is the image in  $L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p$  of a generator of  $V((p+5)/2)$ . Since  $p \geq 19$ ,  $(p+5)/2$  is less than  $p-3$ , and thus  $v \neq 0$ . Thus the subspace of  $L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p$  satisfying the conditions (4.9) is two-dimensional, with generators  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , where  $n_1$  is the image of a generator of  $V((p-1)/2)$  with expansion  $n_1 = 1 + \pi^{(p-1)/2} + \mathcal{O}(\pi^{(p+1)/2})$ , and  $n_2 \in (L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p)(p-1/2)$  has expansion  $n_2 = 1 + \pi^{(p+5)/2} \pi^{-3} + \mathcal{O}(\pi^{(p+5)/2})$ . Thus  $n = n_1^\alpha n_2^\beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . Expanding the binomial series, we get

$$(4.10) \quad n = 1 + \alpha \pi^{(p-1)/2} + \beta \pi^{(p+5)/2} \pi^{-3} + \mathcal{O}(\pi^{p-1}).$$

We can now use Theorem 3.6 to evaluate  $n_4$  at  $D$ . Comparing appropriate coefficients (note that  $D$  is supported on  $|T| \leq |\pi|$ ), we see that

$$(4.11) \quad \frac{\alpha}{D^4} = \frac{ED_1}{D^4} = \frac{E}{1} \gamma(a, b, c) = \frac{E}{1} (q(a^a b^b c^c)^3 + abc B^{p-3}).$$

Now, we may replace  $(a, b, c)$  by any  $(a', b', c')$   $\equiv (ta, tb, tc) \pmod{p}$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{F}_p^\times$ . It is easily seen, using the property  $q(xy) \equiv q(x)q(y)$ , that  $\gamma(ta, tb, tc) \equiv t^3 \gamma(a, b, c)$ . Thus, from (4.11), we see that by varying  $t$  appropriately we may ensure that  $n$ , and hence  $c^w$ , varies in  $L^w/\mathbb{Q}^p$ , and, in particular, takes on nonzero values. Hence there exists a choice of  $t$  such that the pairing is nontrivial for the curve  $F_{a', b', c'}$ . However, this curve is isomorphic to  $F_{a, b, c}$ , and hence the pairing must be nontrivial in that case as well.  $\square$

## 5 Shafarevich–Tate groups

The proofs of Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 1.5 follow from the computations of the Cassels–Tate pairing by means of the following proposition.

**Proposition 5.1** For all positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , the restriction of the Cassels–Tate pairing induces a perfect pairing

$$\left( \text{III}[\lambda_m] / (\lambda_n \text{III}[\lambda_{n+m}]) \right) \times \left( \text{III}[\lambda_n] / (\lambda_m \text{III}[\lambda_{n+m}]) \right) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

Let  $\text{III}^{\text{div}}$  denote the maximal divisible subgroup of  $\text{III}$ , i.e.  $x \in \text{III}^{\text{div}}$  if

and only if for every nonzero integer  $n$  there exists  $y \in \text{III}$  such that  $x = ny$ .

Let  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}$  denote the quotient group  $\text{III}/\text{III}^{\text{div}}$ . Note that:

**Lemma 5.2**  $\text{III}^{\text{div}}$  is a divisible group in the usual sense that multiplication

by any nonzero  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is surjective on it.

**Proof** The argument is standard: since  $\text{III}[m]$  is finite for all nonzero  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

the groups  $N\text{III}[Nm]$ ,  $N < 0$ , stabilize for sufficiently large  $N$ . Thus for

every  $m$  there is an integer  $N(m)$  such that if an element of  $\text{III}[m]$  is divisible

by  $N(m)$  it is infinitely divisible. Now if  $x \in \text{III}^{\text{div}}[m]$  and  $n < 0$ , choose

$y \in \text{III}[N(m)nm]$  such that  $N(m)ny = x$ . Then  $y' = N(m)y$  is in

$\text{III}^{\text{div}}[nm]$  and  $ny' = x$ .  $\square$

Note that since  $\zeta$  is an automorphism of  $\text{III}$  it preserves  $\text{III}^{\text{div}}$ , and hence so

does  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$ . Furthermore, since  $\lambda^{p-1}$  is a unit times  $p$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$ ,  $\text{III}^{\text{div}}$  is divisible

by  $\lambda^n$  for any positive  $n$ .

**Lemma 5.3** The exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{III}^{\text{div}} \longrightarrow \text{III} \longrightarrow \text{III}^{\text{red}} \longrightarrow 0$$

induces by restriction an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{III}^{\text{div}}[\lambda^n] \longrightarrow \text{III}[\lambda^n] \longrightarrow \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda^n] \longrightarrow 0$$

for any positive integer  $n$ .

**Proof** Only the surjectivity is in question. Let  $x \in \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda^n]$ . Lift  $x$  to

$y \in \text{III}$ . Then  $\lambda^n y = z \in \text{III}^{\text{div}}$ . By Lemma 5.2, we can find  $w \in \text{III}^{\text{div}}$  such

that  $\lambda^n w = z = \lambda^n y$ . But then  $y - w \in \text{III}[\lambda^n]$  and  $y - w$  reduces to  $x$  in

$\text{III}^{\text{red}}$ .  $\square$

It is well known that  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[p^\infty]$  is a finite group and that the Cassels–Tate

pairing induces a perfect pairing

$$[\cdot : \cdot] : \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p^\infty] \times \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p^\infty] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

We now have the following lemma:

**Lemma 5.4** *The annihilator of  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_m]$  with respect to the latter pairing equals  $\lambda_m \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty]$ , for all positive integers  $m$ .*

**Proof** It is clear from the definition of the pairing given in [McC88], for example, and from the functoriality properties of the Weil pairing, that  $[\zeta a, a] = [a, \zeta^{-1} a]$ . Hence, if  $\lambda = \zeta^{-1} - 1$ , then  $\lambda \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty]$  annihilates  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_m]$ . Since  $\lambda/\lambda$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$ , we have  $\lambda_m \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty] = \lambda_m \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty]$ . So the kernel  $H$  on the right factor of the restricted pairing

$$\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_m] \times \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

contains  $\lambda_m \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty]$ . Note that the kernel on the left factor of the latter pairing is trivial. Therefore, the cardinalities of  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_m]$  and  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty]/H$  are equal. But

$$|\text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty]| = |\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_m]| \cdot |\lambda_m \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty]|,$$

hence  $H = \lambda_m \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty]$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.5** *For all positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , the restriction of the Cassels–Tate pairing induces a perfect pairing*

$$\left( \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_m]/(\lambda_n \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_{n+m}]) \right) \times \left( \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_n]/(\lambda_m \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_{n+m}]) \right) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

**Proof** By Lemma 5.4, the annihilator of  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_m]$  in  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_n]$  equals  $\lambda_n \text{III}^{\text{red}}[p_\infty] \cup \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_n] = \lambda_n \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_{n+m}]$ , and the assertion follows.  $\square$

**Proof of Proposition 5.1** By Lemma 5.5, it suffices to show that for all  $m$  and  $n$  the groups  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_m]/(\lambda_n \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_{n+m}])$  and  $\text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_n]/(\lambda_m \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_{n+m}])$  are isomorphic. By Lemma 5.3, we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longleftarrow & \text{III}^{\text{div}}[\lambda_{n+m}] & \longleftarrow & \text{III}[\lambda_{n+m}] & \longleftarrow & \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_{n+m}] & \longleftarrow & 0 \\ & & \uparrow \alpha = \lambda_n & & \uparrow \beta = \lambda_n & & \uparrow \gamma = \lambda_n & & \\ 0 & \longleftarrow & \text{III}^{\text{div}}[\lambda_n] & \longleftarrow & \text{III}[\lambda_n] & \longleftarrow & \text{III}^{\text{red}}[\lambda_n] & \longleftarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where the horizontal sequences are exact. By the Snake Lemma, we get an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(\alpha) \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(\beta) \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(\gamma) \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \text{Coker}(\alpha) \longrightarrow \text{Coker}(\beta) \longrightarrow \text{Coker}(\gamma) \longrightarrow 0.$$

By Lemma 5.2, we have  $\text{Coker}(\alpha) = 0$ , hence  $\text{Coker}(\gamma)$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Coker}(\beta)$ , and this completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 1.2** By the structure theorem for torsion modules over Dedekind domains we have a  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]$ -module decomposition

$$\mathbb{M}[\lambda^3] \simeq (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda))^{t_1} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^2))^{t_2} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3))^{t_3},$$

where  $t_1, t_2$  and  $t_3$  are nonnegative integers. The computations in the previous section show that the pairing (obtained by restricting the Cassels–Tate pairing)

$$\mathbb{M}[\lambda^2] \times \mathbb{M}[\lambda] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

is trivial. By Proposition 5.1 (for  $m = 2$  and  $n = 1$ ), we get that the groups  $\mathbb{M}[\lambda^2]/(\lambda\mathbb{M}[\lambda^3])$  and  $\mathbb{M}[\lambda]/(\lambda^2\mathbb{M}[\lambda^3])$  are both trivial. But then

$$(\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda))^{t_1} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda))^{t_2} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda))^{t_3} \simeq \mathbb{M}[\lambda] = \lambda^2\mathbb{M}[\lambda^3] \simeq (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/\lambda^{t_3})$$

so  $t_1 = t_2 = 0$ , which proves the claim.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 1.5** Let

$$\mathbb{M}[\lambda^4] \simeq (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda))^a \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^2))^b \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3))^c \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^4))^d.$$

If we show that  $d = 0$ , then  $\lambda^3$  annihilates  $\mathbb{M}[\lambda^4]$ , therefore  $\mathbb{M}[\lambda^4] = \mathbb{M}[\lambda^3]$ . By induction, this implies  $\mathbb{M}[p^\infty] = \mathbb{M}[\lambda^3]$ . So assume  $d \geq 1$ . Since the Cassels–Tate pairing on  $\mathbb{M}[\lambda^3] \times \mathbb{M}[\lambda]$  is nontrivial, Proposition 5.1 implies that  $\mathbb{M}[\lambda^3]/(\lambda\mathbb{M}[\lambda^4])$  has dimension  $\geq 2$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Now

$$\lambda\mathbb{M}[\lambda^4] \simeq (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda))^b \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^2))^c \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3))^d.$$

Counting  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -dimensions, we get  $6 - (b + 2c + 3d) \geq 2$ , therefore  $b + 2c + 3d \leq 4$ . This implies  $d = 1$  and  $c = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\mathbb{M}[\lambda^4] \simeq (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda))^a \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^2))^b \oplus (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^4))^d.$$

This implies that

$$(\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda))^2 = \lambda^2(\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3))^2 \simeq \lambda^2\mathbb{M}[\lambda^3] \subseteq \lambda^2\mathbb{M}[\lambda^4] \simeq \mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^2),$$

a contradiction.  $\square$

## 6 Tame reduction

Although it is not strictly necessary for Theorem 1.6, we take the opportunity to prove a general lemma on tame reduction, since it clears up some confusion in the literature. In [Lim95], an attempt was made to improve the result of

[McC88] on the existence of nontrivial elements in  $\text{III}[\lambda]$  in the wild split case, under the additional hypothesis that the Jacobian of the Fermat curve in question is nonsimple. However, as Lemma 6.1 shows, nonsimple Jacobian and wild split reduction over  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\zeta]$  are incompatible properties, so the Mordell–Weil rank estimates given in the last section of [Lim95] are incorrect. As far as we can tell, the problem lies in the use of the function  $q(x)$  which computes the reduction type (see the introduction). Here as well as in [McC88],  $q$  is evaluated on triples  $(a, b, c)$  of integers such that  $0 < a, b, a + b < p$  and  $a + b + c = 0$ . In [Lim95] however,  $q$  is evaluated on triples  $(a, b, c)$  such that  $0 < a, b, a + b < p$  and  $a + b + c = p$ . While it does not make any difference which of the two types of triples one chooses to define the curve  $F_{a,b,c}$ , it does make a difference which type of triple one uses to evaluate  $q$  and hence the reduction type. We have the following lemma:

**Lemma 6.1** *Let  $(a, b, c)$  be such that  $J_{a,b,c}$  is nonsimple. Then  $F_{a,b,c}$  has tame reduction over  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\zeta]$ .*

**Proof** By [KR78],  $J_{a,b,c}$  is nonsimple if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $F_{a,b,c}$  is isomorphic to  $F_{1,r,-(r+1)}$ , where  $r^2 + r + 1 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . By definition of  $q(x)$ , it therefore suffices to show that  $(r + 1)^{r(p-1)} - r^{r(p-1)} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$ . Since 6 divides  $p - 1$ , it suffices to show that

$$(r + 1)^{6(r+1)} - r^{6r} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}.$$

Let  $k$  be an integer such that  $r^2 + r + 1 = pk$ . Then  $(r + 1)^2 = pk + r$ . Therefore,

$$(r + 1)^6 = (pk + r)^3 \equiv r^3 + 3r^2pk \pmod{p^2}.$$

Hence  $(r + 1)^{6(r+1)} \equiv (r^3 + 3r^2pk)^{r+1} \equiv (r^{3(r+1)} + 3r^2pk(r + 1)^{r^3}) \pmod{p^2}$ . Now note that  $r^{3r}r^2(r + 1) \equiv -r \pmod{p}$  since  $r$  is a cube root of unity modulo  $p$ , so that  $3r^2pk(r + 1)^{r^3} \equiv -3rpk \pmod{p^2}$ . Hence,  $(r + 1)^{6(r+1)} \equiv (r^{3r+3} - 3rpk) \pmod{p^2}$ . Therefore,

$$(r + 1)^{6(r+1)} - r^{6r} \equiv (r^{3r+3} - 3rpk) \pmod{p^2}.$$

Since  $r^3 = pk(r - 1) + 1$ , we get  $r^{3r} \equiv (rpk)^r (r - 1) + 1 \pmod{p^2}$ , so  $r^{3r} - 3rpk \equiv (r + 1)^{6(r+1)} - r^{6r} \equiv -pk(r - 1)^2 \pmod{p^2}$ . Hence,

$$(r + 1)^{6(r+1)} - r^{6r} \equiv -pk(r - 1)^2 + 3r \pmod{p^2}.$$

Since  $r^{3r}(r - 1)^2 + 3r \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , this proves the proposition.  $\square$

**Remark** A less computational proof of Lemma 6.1 was suggested to us by Dino Lorenzini. The argument goes as follows: To show that the reduction is

tame, it suffices, by work of McCallum, to show that the degree of the minimum extension  $M/K_{wv}^w$  such that  $J_{a,b,c}$  has good reduction over  $M$  is prime to  $p$ . It is known that this minimum degree is at most  $2g + 1$ . Now suppose  $J_{a,b,c}$  is isogenous to the product of two abelian varieties of smaller dimension. Then  $M$  is the compositum of the corresponding minimum extensions for the factors. Each of the latter extensions has degree strictly less than  $p$ , so the degree of their compositum is prime to  $p$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1.6** By Lemma 6.1, the reduction is tame in this case. By Theorem 1.4 and Proposition 5.1, the  $\mathbb{F}^p$ -dimension of  $\text{III}[\lambda]/(\lambda^3 \text{III}[\lambda^4])$  is  $\geq 2$ . In particular, the  $\mathbb{F}^p$ -dimension of  $\text{III}[\lambda]$  is  $\geq 2$ . Since  $p$  is regular, the results of Faddeev ([Fad61]) show that the Selmer group  $S_\lambda$  is 3-dimensional over  $\mathbb{F}^p$ . On the other hand, Gross and Rohrich ([GR78]) have shown that the Mordell–Weil rank of  $J_{7,1,-8}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is nonzero. Therefore, the rank equals 1 and  $\text{III}[\lambda]$  is 2-dimensional over  $\mathbb{F}^p$ . By Theorem 1.2 it follows that  $\text{III}[\lambda^3]$  has rank 2 over  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3)$ . Theorem 1.5 then implies that  $\text{III}[p^\infty] \simeq (\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]/(\lambda^3))^2$ . The statement about quadratic points on  $F_{7,1,-8}$  and on the Fermat curve  $X_{19} + Y_{19} + Z_{19} = 0$  follows immediately from Corollary 2.2 and Theorem 1.3 of [Tze02].  $\square$

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