

① (a) By Cox, $p \mid x^2 + 3y^2 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = 1$

Now $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) \stackrel{\text{Reciprocity Law}}{=} \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) (-1)^{2 \cdot \frac{p-1}{4}} = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)$

$\stackrel{\text{b/c}}{=} \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)$; therefore $\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$

$\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = 1 \Leftrightarrow p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, as desired. \square

(b) Arguing just like above, we see that

$p \mid x^2 + 2y^2 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$

Now, $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8} \\ -1 & p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$; therefore

$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \Leftrightarrow p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$, hence

$p \mid x^2 + 2y^2 \Leftrightarrow p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$, as desired. \square

② $\left(\frac{-21}{p}\right) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) \left(\frac{7}{p}\right) = 1 \stackrel{\text{R.L.}}{\Leftrightarrow} (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) \cdot (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{7}\right) (-1)^{3 \cdot \frac{p-1}{2}} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) \left(\frac{p}{7}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$

So, below are the whole set of R.L. options:

(i) $\left. \begin{matrix} p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ p \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} p \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \\ p \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\ p \equiv 4 \pmod{7} \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 1 \pmod{84} \\ \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 37 \pmod{84} \\ \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 25 \pmod{84} \end{matrix}$

(ii) $\left. \begin{matrix} p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ p \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} p \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \\ p \equiv 5 \pmod{7} \\ p \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 17 \pmod{84} \\ \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 5 \pmod{84} \\ \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 41 \pmod{84} \end{matrix}$ | (iii) $\left. \begin{matrix} p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ p \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} p \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \\ p \equiv 5 \pmod{7} \\ p \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 31 \pmod{84} \\ \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 19 \pmod{84} \\ \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 55 \pmod{84} \end{matrix}$

(iv) $\left. \begin{matrix} p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ p \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} p \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \\ p \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\ p \equiv 4 \pmod{7} \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 71 \pmod{84} \\ \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 23 \pmod{84} \\ \longleftrightarrow p \equiv 11 \pmod{84} \end{matrix}$

Therefore $\left(\frac{-21}{p}\right) = 1 \Leftrightarrow p \equiv 1, 5, 11, 19, 23, 25, 17, 31, 37, 55, 41, 71 \pmod{84}$