

ANDREWS' SINGULAR OVERPARTITIONS WITH ODD PARTS

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Abstract: Recently singular overpartitions was defined and studied by G. E. Andrews. He showed that such partitions can be enumerated by $\overline{C}_{\delta,i}(n)$, the number of overpartitions of n such that no part is divisible by δ and only parts $\equiv \pm i \pmod{\delta}$ may be overlined. In this paper, we establish several infinite families of congruences $\overline{CO}_{\delta,i}(n)$, the number of singular overpartitions of n into odd parts such that no part is divisible by δ and only parts $\equiv \pm i \pmod{\delta}$ may be overlined. For example, for all $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$, $\overline{CO}_{3,1}(4 \cdot 3^{\alpha+3}n + 7 \cdot 3^{\alpha+2}) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$.

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1. Introduction

G.E. Andrews [2] defined combinatorial objects which he called singular overpartitions and proved that these singular overpartitions which depends on two parameters δ and i can be enumerated by the function $\overline{C}_{\delta,i}(n)$ which gives the number of overpartitions of n in which no part is divisible by δ and parts $\equiv \pm i \pmod{\delta}$ may be overlined. The generating function of $\overline{C}_{\delta,i}(n)$ is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{C}_{\delta,i}(n)q^n = \frac{(q^\delta; q^\delta)_\infty (-q^i; q^\delta)_\infty (-q^{\delta-i}; q^\delta)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}. \quad (1.1)$$

Throughout the paper, we use the standard q -series notation, and f_k is defined as

$$f_k := (q^k; q^k)_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{m=1}^n (1 - q^{mk}).$$

For $|ab| < 1$, Ramanujan's general theta function $f(a, b)$ is defined as

$$f(a, b) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2}. \quad (1.2)$$

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Using Jacobi's triple product identity [4, Entry 19, p. 35], the equation (1.2) becomes

$$f(a, b) = (-a, ab)_\infty (-b, ab)_\infty (ab, ab)_\infty.$$

The most important special cases of $f(a, b)$ are

$$\varphi(q) := f(q, q) = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^\infty q^{n^2} = (-q; q^2)_\infty^2 (q^2; q^2)_\infty = \frac{f_2^5}{f_1^2 f_4^2}, \tag{1.3}$$

$$\psi(q) := f(q, q^3) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty q^{n(n+1)/2} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty}{(q; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{f_2^2}{f_1}, \tag{1.4}$$

and

$$f(-q) := f(-q, -q^2) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^\infty (-1)^n q^{\frac{n(3n-1)}{2}} = (q; q)_\infty = f_1. \tag{1.5}$$

Andrews [2] has found the following congruence results, for each integer $n \geq 0$,

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(9n + 3) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \tag{1.6}$$

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(9n + 6) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}. \tag{1.7}$$

Recently S-C. Chen, M.D. Hirschhorn and J.A. Sellers [5] have found some infinite families of congruences modulo 3 for $\overline{C}_{3,1}(n)$, $\overline{C}_{6,1}(n)$, $\overline{C}_{6,2}(n)$ and modulo powers of 2 for $\overline{C}_{4,1}(n)$. For example, for all $k, m \geq 0$,

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(2^k(4m + 3)) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \tag{1.8}$$

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(4^k(16m + 6)) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}. \tag{1.9}$$

The authors Z. Ahmed and N.D. Baruah [1] have found some new congruences for $\overline{C}_{3,1}(n)$ modulo 18 and 36 and $\overline{C}_{8,2}(n)$, $\overline{C}_{12,4}(n)$, $\overline{C}_{24,8}(n)$ and $\overline{C}_{48,16}(n)$ modulo 2. For example, for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(48n + 12) \equiv 0 \pmod{18}, \tag{1.10}$$

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(24n + 22) \equiv 0 \pmod{36}. \tag{1.11}$$

Chen [6] has also found some new congruences for $\overline{C}_{3,1}(n)$, $\overline{C}_{4,1}(n)$ modulo powers of 2. For example, for all $m \geq 0$,

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(6m + 5) \equiv 0 \pmod{16}. \tag{1.12}$$

O.X.M. Yao [11] has proved some congruences modulo 16, 32, 14 for $\overline{C}_{3,1}(n)$. For example, for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(18n + 15) \equiv 0 \pmod{32}. \tag{1.13}$$

M.S. Mahadeva Naika and D.S. Gireesh [9] have found some modulo 6, 12, 16, 18, 24, 48, 72 for $\overline{C}_{3,1}(n)$. For example, for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\overline{C}_{3,1}(24n + 14) \equiv 0 \pmod{32}. \tag{1.14}$$

Motivated by the above works, in this paper, we defined the function $\overline{CO}_{\delta,i}(n)$, the number of singular overpartitions of n into odd parts such that no part is divisible by δ and only parts $\equiv \pm i \pmod{\delta}$ may be overlined. The generating function of $\overline{CO}_{\delta,i}(n)$ is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{\delta,i}(n)q^n = \frac{(q^\delta; q^{2\delta})_\infty (-q^i; q^\delta)_\infty (-q^{\delta-i}; q^\delta)_\infty}{(q; q^2)_\infty (-q^{2i}; q^{2\delta})_\infty (-q^{2(\delta-i)}; q^{2\delta})_\infty}, \tag{1.15}$$

where $0 < i < \delta$.

2. Preliminaries

We list a few dissection formulas to prove our main results.

Lemma 2.1 ([4, Entry 25 p. 40]). *The following 2-dissection formulas hold:*

$$\frac{1}{f_1^2} = \frac{f_8^5}{f_2^5 f_{16}^2} + 2q \frac{f_4^2 f_{16}^2}{f_2^2 f_8}, \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{f_1^4} = \frac{f_4^{14}}{f_2^{14} f_8^4} + 4q \frac{f_4^2 f_8^4}{f_2^{10}}. \tag{2.2}$$

Lemma 2.2 ([10]). *The following 2-dissection formula holds:*

$$\frac{f_3^2}{f_1^2} = \frac{f_4^4 f_6 f_{12}^2}{f_2^5 f_8 f_{24}} + 2q \frac{f_4 f_6^2 f_8 f_{24}}{f_2^4 f_{12}}. \tag{2.3}$$

Lemma 2.3 ([3, Lemma 2.6]). *The following 3-dissection formula holds:*

$$\frac{f_4}{f_1} = \frac{f_{12} f_{18}^4}{f_3^3 f_{36}^2} + q \frac{f_6^2 f_9^3 f_{36}}{f_3^4 f_{18}} + 2q^2 \frac{f_6 f_{18} f_{36}}{f_3^3}. \tag{2.4}$$

Lemma 2.4. *The following 2-dissection formulas hold:*

$$\frac{1}{f_1 f_3} = \frac{f_8^2 f_{12}^5}{f_2^2 f_4 f_6^4 f_{24}^2} + q \frac{f_4^5 f_{24}^2}{f_2^4 f_6^2 f_8^2 f_{12}} \tag{2.5}$$

$$f_1 f_3 = \frac{f_2 f_8^2 f_{12}^4}{f_4^2 f_6 f_{24}^2} - q \frac{f_4^4 f_6 f_{24}^2}{f_2 f_8^2 f_{12}}. \tag{2.6}$$

Equation (2.5) was proved by Baruah and K.K. Ojah [3]. Replace q by $-q$ in (2.5) and using the fact that $(-q; -q)_\infty = \frac{f_3^3}{f_1 f_4}$, we get (2.6).

Lemma 2.5 ([8]). *The following 3-dissection formula holds:*

$$f_1 f_2 = \frac{f_6 f_9^4}{f_3 f_{18}^2} - q f_9 f_{18} - 2q^2 \frac{f_3 f_{18}^4}{f_6 f_9^2}. \tag{2.7}$$

Lemma 2.6 ([7, Theorem 2.1]). For any odd prime p ,

$$\psi(q) = \sum_{m=0}^{\frac{p-3}{2}} q^{\frac{m^2+m}{2}} f\left(q^{\frac{p^2+(2m+1)p}{2}}, q^{\frac{p^2-(2m+1)p}{2}}\right) + q^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}} \psi(q^{p^2}). \tag{2.8}$$

Furthermore, $\frac{m^2+m}{2} \not\equiv \frac{p^2-1}{8} \pmod{p}$ for $0 \leq m \leq \frac{p-3}{2}$.

Lemma 2.7 ([7, Theorem 2.2]). For any prime $p \geq 5$,

$$f_1 = \sum_{\substack{k=-\frac{p-1}{2} \\ k \neq (\pm p-1)/6}}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (-1)^k q^{\frac{3k^2+k}{2}} f\left(-q^{\frac{3p^2+(6k+1)p}{2}}, -q^{\frac{3p^2-(6k+1)p}{2}}\right) + (-1)^{\frac{\pm p-1}{6}} q^{\frac{p^2-1}{24}} f_{p^2}. \tag{2.9}$$

Furthermore, for $-(p-1)/2 \leq k \leq (p-1)/2$ and $k \neq (\pm p-1)/6$,

$$\frac{3k^2+k}{2} \not\equiv \frac{p^2-1}{24} \pmod{p}.$$

3. Congruences for $\overline{CO}_{3,1}(n)$

Theorem 3.1. For each integer $n \geq 0$,

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+7) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n+19) \equiv 0 \pmod{16}, \tag{3.2}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n+7) \equiv \psi(q)f_4 \pmod{16}. \tag{3.3}$$

Proof. Setting $\delta = 3$ and $i = 1$ in (1.15), we find that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(n)q^n = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^3 (q^3; q^3)_{\infty}^2 (q^{12}; q^{12})}{(q^6; q^6)_{\infty}^3 (q^4; q^4)_{\infty} (q; q)_{\infty}^2}. \tag{3.4}$$

Substituting (2.3) into (3.4), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(n)q^n = \frac{f_4^3 f_{12}^3}{f_2^2 f_6^2 f_8 f_{24}} + 2q \frac{f_8 f_{24}}{f_2 f_6}, \tag{3.5}$$

which yields, for each $n \geq 0$,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(2n+1)q^n = 2 \frac{f_4 f_{12}}{f_1 f_3}. \tag{3.6}$$

Employing (2.4) into (3.6), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(2n+1)q^n = 2 \frac{f_{12}^2 f_{18}^4}{f_3^4 f_{36}^2} + 2q \frac{f_6^2 f_9^3 f_{12} f_{36}}{f_3^5 f_{18}^2} + 4q^2 \frac{f_6 f_{12} f_{18} f_{36}}{f_3^4}. \tag{3.7}$$

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n} in the above equation and replacing q^3 by q , we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n+1)q^n = 2 \frac{f_4^2 f_6^4}{f_1^4 f_{12}^2}. \tag{3.8}$$

By the binomial theorem, it is easy to see that for positive integers k and m ,

$$f_{2k}^m \equiv f_k^{2m} \pmod{2} \tag{3.9}$$

and

$$f_{2k}^{2m} \equiv f_k^{4m} \pmod{4}. \tag{3.10}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.8), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n+1)q^n \equiv 2f_2^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.11}$$

Congruences (3.1) follows by extracting the terms involving q^{2n+1} from (3.11).

Collecting the terms involving q^{2n} from (3.11) and replacing q^2 by q , we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+1) \equiv 2f_1^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.12}$$

Substituting (2.2) into (3.8), we find that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n+1)q^n = 2 \frac{f_4^{16} f_6^4}{f_2^{14} f_8^4 f_{12}^2} + 8q \frac{f_4^4 f_6^4 f_8^4}{f_2^{10} f_{12}^2}, \tag{3.13}$$

which implies that,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+7)q^n = 8 \frac{f_2^4 f_3^4 f_4^4}{f_1^{10} f_6^2}. \tag{3.14}$$

Using (3.9) in (3.14), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+7)q^n \equiv 8f_2^7 \pmod{16}. \tag{3.15}$$

Extracting the terms involving q^{2n+1} from (3.15) we get (3.2).

Collecting the terms involving q^{2n} from (3.15) and replacing q^2 by q , reduces to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n+7)q^n \equiv 8f_1^7 \pmod{16}, \tag{3.16}$$

Using (3.9) in (3.16), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n+7)q^n \equiv 8 \left(\frac{f_2^2}{f_1} \right) f_4 \pmod{16}. \tag{3.17}$$

Using (1.4) in (3.17), we arrive at (3.3). ■

Theorem 3.2. For any prime $p \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$, $\alpha \geq 1$, and $n \geq 0$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(2p^{2\alpha}n + p^{2\alpha})q^n \equiv 2\psi(q)\psi(q^3) \pmod{4}. \tag{3.18}$$

Proof. Using (3.9) in (3.6), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(2n + 1)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_2^2 f_6^2}{f_1 f_3} \pmod{4}. \tag{3.19}$$

Using (1.4) in (3.19), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(2n + 1)q^n \equiv 2\psi(q)\psi(q^3) \pmod{4}. \tag{3.20}$$

Define

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g(n)q^n = \psi(q)\psi(q^3). \tag{3.21}$$

Combining (3.20) and (3.21), we find that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(2n + 1)q^n \equiv 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g(n)q^n \pmod{4}. \tag{3.22}$$

Now, we consider the congruence equation

$$\frac{k^2 + k}{2} + 3 \cdot \frac{m^2 + m}{2} \equiv \frac{4p^2 - 4}{8} \pmod{p}, \tag{3.23}$$

which is equivalent to

$$(2k + 1)^2 + 3 \cdot (2m + 1)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

where $0 \leq k, m \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$ and p is a prime such that $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = -1$. Since $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = -1$ for $p \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$, the congruence relation (3.23) holds if and only if both $k = m = \frac{p-1}{2}$. Therefore, if we substitute (2.8) into (3.21) and then extracting the terms in which the powers of q are congruent to $\frac{p^2-1}{2}$ modulo p and then divide by $q^{\frac{p^2-1}{2}}$, we find that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g\left(pn + \frac{p^2 - 1}{2}\right)q^{pn} = \psi(q^{p^2})\psi(q^{3p^2}),$$

which implies that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g\left(p^2n + \frac{p^2 - 1}{2}\right)q^n = \psi(q)\psi(q^3) \tag{3.24}$$

and for $n \geq 0$,

$$g\left(p^2n + pi + \frac{p^2 - 1}{2}\right) = 0, \tag{3.25}$$

where i is an integer and $1 \leq i \leq p - 1$. By induction, we see that for $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$,

$$g\left(p^{2\alpha}n + \frac{p^{2\alpha} - 1}{2}\right) = g(n). \tag{3.26}$$

Replacing n by $p^{2\alpha}n + \frac{p^{2\alpha} - 1}{2}$ in (3.22), we arrive at (3.18). ■

Theorem 3.3. *For any prime $p \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$, $\alpha \geq 1$, and $n \geq 0$, we have*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(24p^{2\alpha}n + 7p^{2\alpha}) \equiv (-1)^{\alpha \cdot \frac{\pm p - 1}{6}} \psi(q) f_4 \pmod{16}. \tag{3.27}$$

Proof. Define

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n = \psi(q) f_4. \tag{3.28}$$

Combining (3.3) and (3.28), we see that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n + 7)q^n \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n \pmod{16}. \tag{3.29}$$

Now, we consider the congruence equation

$$\frac{k^2 + k}{2} + 4 \cdot \frac{3m^2 + m}{2} \equiv \frac{7p^2 - 7}{24} \pmod{p}, \tag{3.30}$$

which is equivalent to

$$3 \cdot (2k + 1)^2 + (12m + 2)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

where $\frac{-(p-1)}{2} \leq m \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$, $0 \leq k \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$ and p is a prime such that $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = -1$. Since $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = -1$ for $p \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$, the congruence relation (3.30) holds if and only if $m = \frac{\pm p - 1}{6}$ and $k = \frac{p - 1}{2}$. Therefore, if we substitute (2.8) and (2.9) into (3.28) and then extracting the terms in which the powers of q are $pn + \frac{7p^2 - 7}{24}$, we arrive at

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a\left(pn + \frac{7p^2 - 7}{24}\right) q^{pn + \frac{7p^2 - 7}{24}} = (-1)^{\frac{\pm p - 1}{6}} q^{\frac{7p^2 - 7}{24}} \psi(q^{p^2}) f_{4p^2}. \tag{3.31}$$

Dividing by $q^{\frac{7p^2 - 7}{24}}$ on both sides of (3.31) and on simplification, we find that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a\left(pn + \frac{7p^2 - 7}{24}\right) q^n = (-1)^{\frac{\pm p - 1}{6}} \psi(q^p) f_{4p},$$

which implies that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a \left(p^2 n + \frac{7p^2 - 7}{24} \right) q^n = (-1)^{\frac{\pm p-1}{6}} \psi(q) f_4 \tag{3.32}$$

and for $n \geq 0$,

$$a \left(p^2 n + pi + \frac{7p^2 - 7}{24} \right) = 0, \tag{3.33}$$

where i is an integer and $1 \leq i \leq p - 1$. Combining (3.28) and (3.32), we see that for $n \geq 0$,

$$a \left(p^2 n + \frac{7p^2 - 7}{24} \right) = (-1)^{\frac{\pm p-1}{6}} a(n). \tag{3.34}$$

By (3.34) and mathematical induction, we deduce that for $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$,

$$a \left(p^{2\alpha} n + \frac{7p^{2\alpha} - 7}{24} \right) = (-1)^{\alpha \cdot \frac{\pm p-1}{6}} a(n). \tag{3.35}$$

Replacing n by $p^{2\alpha} n + \frac{7p^{2\alpha} - 7}{24}$ in (3.29), we arrive at (3.27). ■

Theorem 3.4. For all $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$,

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 21) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.36}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 3) \equiv \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 1) \pmod{8}, \tag{3.37}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(4 \cdot 3^{\alpha+3} n + 7 \cdot 3^{\alpha+2}) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.38}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 33) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.39}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(18n + 15) \equiv \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n + 5) \pmod{8}. \tag{3.40}$$

Proof. Equating the coefficients of q^{3n+1} from both sides of (3.7), dividing by q and then replacing q^3 by q , we arrive at

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n + 3) q^n = 2 \frac{f_2^2 f_3^3 f_4 f_{12}}{f_1^5 f_6^2}. \tag{3.41}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.41), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n + 3) q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_4 f_{12}}{f_1 f_3} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.42}$$

Substituting (2.4) into (3.42), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n + 3) q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_{12}^2 f_{18}^4}{f_3^4 f_{36}^2} + 2q \frac{f_6^2 f_9^3 f_{12} f_{36}}{f_3^5 f_{18}^2} + 4q^2 \frac{f_6 f_{12} f_{18} f_{36}}{f_3^4} \pmod{8}, \tag{3.43}$$

which implies that for all $n \geq 0$,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(18n+3)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_4^2 f_6^4}{f_1^4 f_{12}^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.44}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.44), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(18n+3)q^n \equiv 2f_2^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.45}$$

Equating the coefficients of q^{2n+1} from both sides of (3.45), dividing by q and then replacing q^2 by q , we arrive at (3.36).

Extracting the terms involving q^{2n} from (3.45) and replacing q^2 by q , we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n+3)q^n \equiv 2f_1^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.46}$$

In view of congruences (3.46) and (3.12), we obtain (3.37).

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n+1} from (3.43), dividing by q and then replacing q^3 by q , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(18n+9)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_2^2 f_3^3 f_4 f_{12}}{f_1^5 f_6^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.47}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.47), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(18n+9)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_4 f_{12}}{f_1 f_3} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.48}$$

In view of congruences (3.48) and (3.42), we get

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(18n+9) \equiv \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n+3) \pmod{8}. \tag{3.49}$$

Utilizing (3.49) and by mathematical induction on α , we arrive at

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(2 \cdot 3^{\alpha+2}n + 3^{\alpha+2}) \equiv \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n+3) \pmod{8}. \tag{3.50}$$

Using (3.36) in (3.50), we obtain (3.38).

From (3.43), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(18n+15)q^n \equiv 4 \frac{f_2 f_4 f_6 f_{12}}{f_1^4} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.51}$$

Using (3.9) in (3.51), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(18n+15)q^n \equiv 4f_2 f_6 f_{12} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.52}$$

Congruences (3.39) follows extracting the terms involving q^{2n+1} from (3.52).

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n+2} from (3.7), dividing by q^2 and then replacing q^3 by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n + 5)q^n = 4 \frac{f_2 f_4 f_6 f_{12}}{f_1^4}. \tag{3.53}$$

Using (3.9) in (3.53), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(6n + 5)q^n \equiv 4f_2 f_6 f_{12} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.54}$$

Combining (3.52) and (3.54), we arrive at (3.40). ■

Theorem 3.5. *For all $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$,*

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 7) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.55}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 11) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.56}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(108n + 63) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.57}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(108n + 99) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.58}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(972n + 567) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.59}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(972n + 891) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.60}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(12 \cdot 9^{\alpha+2}n + 3 \cdot 9^{\alpha+2}) \equiv \overline{CO}_{3,1}(108n + 27) \pmod{8}. \tag{3.61}$$

Proof. Substituting (2.5) into (3.6), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(2n + 1)q^n = 2 \frac{f_8^2 f_{12}^6}{f_2^2 f_6^4 f_{24}^2} + 2q \frac{f_4^6 f_{24}^2}{f_2^4 f_6^2 f_8^2}, \tag{3.62}$$

which implies that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(4n + 3)q^n = 2 \frac{f_2^6 f_{12}^2}{f_1^4 f_3^2 f_4^2}. \tag{3.63}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.63), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(4n + 3)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_{12}^2}{f_3^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.64}$$

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n+1} and q^{3n+2} from (3.64) we get (3.55) and (3.56).

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n} from (3.64) and replacing q^3 by q , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 3)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_4^2}{f_1^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.65}$$

Substituting (2.4) into (3.65) and equating the terms q^{3n+2} , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 27)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_2^4 f_3^6 f_{12}^2}{f_1^8 f_6^4} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.66}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.66), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 27)q^n \equiv 2f_3^6 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.67}$$

Congruences (3.57) and (3.58) follows extracting the terms involving q^{3n+1} and q^{3n+2} from (3.66).

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n} from (3.67) and replacing q^3 by q , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(108n + 27)q^n \equiv 2f_1^6 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.68}$$

which implies that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(108n + 27)q^n \equiv 2f_1^2 f_2^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.69}$$

Employing (2.7) into (3.69) and equating the terms involving q^{3n+2} , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(324n + 243)q^n \equiv 2f_3^2 f_6^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.70}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.70), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(324n + 243)q^n \equiv 2f_3^6 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.71}$$

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n+1} and q^{3n+2} from (3.71), we arrive at (3.59) and (3.60).

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n} from (3.71) and replacing q^3 by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(972n + 243)q^n \equiv 2f_1^6 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.72}$$

In view of congruences (3.72) and (3.68), we get

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(972n + 243) \equiv \overline{CO}_{3,1}(108n + 27) \pmod{8}. \tag{3.73}$$

Utilizing (3.73) and by mathematical induction on α , we arrive at (3.61). ■

Theorem 3.6. For all $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$,

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n + 14) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.74}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(4 \cdot 3^{\alpha+2}n + 2 \cdot 3^{\alpha+2}) \equiv 3^{\alpha+1}\overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 6) \pmod{8}, \tag{3.75}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(108n + 27) \equiv 3\overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n + 6) \pmod{8}, \tag{3.76}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(72n + 6) \equiv 3\overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n + 2) \pmod{8}, \tag{3.77}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(72n + 42) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.78}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(72n + 66) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.79}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n + 22) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \tag{3.80}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 30) \equiv \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 10) \pmod{8}. \tag{3.81}$$

Proof. From (3.5), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(2n)q^n = \frac{f_2^3 f_6^3}{f_1^2 f_3^2 f_4 f_{12}}. \tag{3.82}$$

Substituting (2.5) into (3.82) and equating the terms q^{2n+1} ,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(4n + 2)q^n = 2 \frac{f_2^3 f_6^3}{f_1^3 f_3^3}. \tag{3.83}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.83), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(4n + 2)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_6^3}{f_3^3} (f_1 f_2) \pmod{8}. \tag{3.84}$$

Employing (2.7) into (3.84), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(4n + 2)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_6^4 f_9^4}{f_3^4 f_{18}^2} - 2q \frac{f_6^3 f_9 f_{18}}{f_3^3} - 4q^2 \frac{f_6^2 f_{18}^4}{f_3^2 f_9^2} \pmod{8}, \tag{3.85}$$

which implies,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 2)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_2^4 f_3^4}{f_1^4 f_6^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.86}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.86), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 2)q^n \equiv 2f_2^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.87}$$

Congruence (3.74) follows extracting the terms involving q^{2n+1} from (3.87).

Extracting the terms involving q^{2n} from (3.87), we arrive at

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n + 2) \equiv 2f_1^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.88}$$

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n+1} from (3.85), dividing by q and then replacing q^{3n} by q , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+6)q^n \equiv 6 \frac{f_2^3 f_3 f_6}{f_1^3} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.89}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.89), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+6)q^n \equiv 6(f_1 f_2) f_3 f_6 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.90}$$

Substituting (2.7) into (3.90), we arrive at

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+6)q^n \equiv 6 \frac{f_6^2 f_9^4}{f_{18}^2} - 6q f_3 f_6 f_9 f_{18} - 12q^2 \frac{f_3^2 f_{18}^4}{f_9^2} \pmod{8}, \tag{3.91}$$

which implies that for all $n \geq 0$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n+18)q^n \equiv 2f_1 f_2 f_3 f_6 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.92}$$

In the view of congruence (3.92) and (3.90), we have

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n+18) \equiv 3\overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+6) \pmod{8}. \tag{3.93}$$

Utilizing (3.93) and by mathematical induction on α , we arrive at (3.75).

Employing (2.6) into (3.90), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n+6)q^n \equiv 6 \frac{f_2^2 f_8^2 f_{12}^4}{f_4^2 f_{24}^2} - 6q \frac{f_4^4 f_6^2 f_{24}^2}{f_8^2 f_{12}^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.94}$$

Extracting the terms involving q^{2n} from (3.94) and replacing q^2 by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n+6)q^n \equiv 6 \frac{f_1^2 f_4^2 f_6^4}{f_2^2 f_{12}^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.95}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.95), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n+6)q^n \equiv 6f_1^2 f_2^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.96}$$

Combining (3.96) and (3.69), we obtain (3.76).

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n} from (3.91) and then replacing q^3 by q , we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n+6)q^n \equiv 6 \frac{f_2^2 f_3^4}{f_6^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.97}$$

Using (3.10) in (3.97), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 6)q^n \equiv 6f_2^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.98}$$

Congruences (3.78) follows by extracting the terms involving q^{2n+1} from (3.98).

Extracting the terms involving q^{2n} from (3.98) and then replacing q^2 by q , we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(72n + 6)q^n \equiv 6f_1^2 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.99}$$

Combining the equations (3.99) and (3.88), we arrive at (3.77).

Equating the coefficients of q^{3n+2} from both sides of (3.91), dividing by q^2 and then replacing q^3 by q , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 30)q^n \equiv 4 \frac{f_1^2 f_6^4}{f_3^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.100}$$

Using (3.9) in (3.100), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(36n + 30)q^n \equiv 4f_2 f_6^3 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.101}$$

Extracting the terms involving q^{2n+1} from (3.101), we arrive at (3.79).

Equating the coefficients of q^{3n+2} from both sides of (3.85), dividing by q^2 and then replacing q^3 by q ,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 10)q^n \equiv 4 \frac{f_2^2 f_6^4}{f_1^2 f_3^2} \pmod{8}. \tag{3.102}$$

Using (3.9) in (3.102), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(24n + 22)q^n \equiv 4f_2 f_6^3 \pmod{8}. \tag{3.103}$$

Congruences (3.80) follows by extracting the terms involving q^{2n+1} from (3.103).

In the view of congruences (3.103) and (3.101), we get (3.81). ■

Theorem 3.7. *For all integers $n \geq 0$,*

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 6) \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \tag{3.104}$$

$$\overline{CO}_{3,1}(12n + 10) \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \tag{3.105}$$

Proof. By the binomial theorem, it is easy to see that for positive integers k and m ,

$$f_{3k}^m \equiv f_k^{3m} \pmod{3}. \tag{3.106}$$

Using (3.106) in (3.83), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{CO}_{3,1}(4n+2)q^n \equiv 2 \frac{f_6^4}{f_3^4}. \quad (3.107)$$

Extracting the terms involving q^{3n+1} and q^{3n+2} from (3.107), we arrive at (3.104) and (3.105). ■

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