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On the recursive properties of one kind hybrid power mean involving two-term exponential sums and Gauss sums

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Abstract: The main purpose of this paper is to study the computational problem of one kind hybrid power mean involving two-term exponential sums and quartic Gauss sums using the analytic method and the properties of the classical Gauss sums, and to prove some interesting fourth-order linear recurrence formulae for this problem. As an application of our result, we can also obtain an exact computational formula for one kind congruence equation mod p , an odd prime.

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1 Introduction

Let $p \geq 3$ be an odd prime. For any integer m with $(m, p) = 1$, the quartic Gauss sums $B(m) = B(m, p)$ is defined as

$$B(m) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4}{p}\right),$$

where as usual, $e(y) = e^{2\pi iy}$.

Recently, some scholars have studied the hybrid power mean problems of various trigonometric sums, and obtained many interesting results. For example, Chen Li and Hu Jiayuan [1] studied the computational problem of the hybrid power mean

$$S_k(p) = \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3}{p}\right) \right)^k \cdot \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mc + \bar{c}}{p}\right) \right|^2,$$

where \bar{c} denotes the multiplicative inverse of c mod p . That is, $c \cdot \bar{c} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

For $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, they used the elementary method to obtain an interesting third-order linear recurrence formula for $S_k(p)$.

Li Xiaoxue and Hu Jiayuan [2] studied the computational problem of the hybrid power mean

$$\sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ba^4}{p}\right) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{bc + \bar{c}}{p}\right) \right|^2, \quad (1)$$

and proved an exact computational formula for (1).

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Zhang Han and Zhang Wenpeng [3] proved the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^3 + na}{p} \right) \right|^4 = \begin{cases} 2p^3 - p^2 & \text{if } 3 \nmid p-1, \\ 2p^3 - 7p^2 & \text{if } 3 \mid p-1. \end{cases}$$

Other related results can also be found in references [4-13].

In this paper, we will consider the calculating problem of the following hybrid power mean:

$$V_k(p) = \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4}{p} \right) \right)^k \cdot \left(\sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{mb^4 + b}{p} \right) \right)^3, \quad (2)$$

where $k \geq 0$ is an integer.

If $p = 4h + 3$, then from the properties of the Legendre's symbol mod p we have (see [14], formula (30) in Chapter 9)

$$\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4}{p} \right) = 1 + \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} (1 + \chi_2(a)) e \left(\frac{ma^2}{p} \right) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^2}{p} \right) = i\chi_2(m)\sqrt{p},$$

where $\chi_2 = \left(\frac{*}{p} \right)$ denotes the Legendre's symbol mod p .

So in this case, the problem we considered in (2) is trivial. If $p = 4h + 1$, then the situation is more complicated. We will use the analytic method and the properties of classical Gauss sums to study this problem, and prove some new interesting fourth-order linear recurrence formulae for (2) with $p = 4h + 1$. That is, we will give the following four results.

Theorem 1.1. *Let p be a prime with $p = 24h + 1$. Then for any integer $k \geq 4$, we have the fourth-order linear recurrence formula*

$$V_k(p) = 6pV_{k-2}(p) + 8p\alpha V_{k-3}(p) - p(p - 4\alpha^2) V_{k-4}(p),$$

where the first four values are $V_0(p) = p^2 - 6p\alpha$, $V_1(p) = p(p^2 - 16p - 4\alpha^2)$, $V_2(p) = p^2(2p\alpha + 3p - 58\alpha)$ and $V_3(p) = p^2(7p^2 + 4p\alpha - 92p - 72\alpha^2)$, $\alpha = \alpha(p) = \sum_{a=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{a + \bar{a}}{p} \right)$ is an integer, which satisfies the identity (see Theorem 4-11 in [15])

$$p = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \equiv \left(\sum_{a=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{a + \bar{a}}{p} \right) \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{a=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{a + r\bar{a}}{p} \right) \right)^2,$$

which r is any quadratic non-residue mod p .

Theorem 1.2. *Let p be a prime with $p = 24h + 17$. Then for any integer $k \geq 4$, we have the fourth-order linear recurrence formula*

$$V_k(p) = 6pV_{k-2}(p) + 8p\alpha V_{k-3}(p) - p(p - 4\alpha^2) V_{k-4}(p),$$

where the first four values are $V_0(p) = -p^2 - 6p\alpha$, $V_1(p) = p(p^2 - 18p - 4\alpha^2)$, $V_2(p) = p^2(2p\alpha - 3p - 62\alpha)$ and $V_3(p) = p^2(7p^2 - 4p\alpha - 106p - 72\alpha^2)$.

Theorem 1.3. *Let p be a prime with $p = 24h + 5$. Then for any integer $k \geq 4$, we have the fourth-order linear recurrence formula*

$$V_k(p) = -2pV_{k-2}(p) + 8p\alpha V_{k-3}(p) - p(9p - 4\alpha^2) V_{k-4}(p),$$

where the first four terms are $V_0(p) = -(p^2 + 6p\alpha)$, $V_1(p) = -p(p^2 - 8p + 4\alpha^2)$, $V_2(p) = -p^2(2p\alpha - p - 22\alpha)$ and $V_3(p) = p^2(5p^2 - 6p\alpha - 28p - 36\alpha^2)$.

Theorem 1.4. Let p be a prime with $p = 24h + 13$. Then for any integer $k \geq 4$, we have the fourth-order linear recurrence formula

$$V_k(p) = -2pV_{k-2}(p) + 8p\alpha V_{k-3}(p) - p(9p - 4\alpha^2)V_{k-4}(p),$$

where the first four terms are $V_0(p) = p^2 - 6p\alpha$, $V_1(p) = -p(p^2 - 6p + 4\alpha^2)$, $V_2(p) = -p^2(2p\alpha + p - 18\alpha)$ and $V_3(p) = p^2(5p^2 + 6p\alpha - 18p - 36\alpha^2)$.

From our theorems we may immediately deduce the following:

Corollary 1.5. Let p be a prime with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then we have the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4}{p}\right) \right)^3 \cdot \left(\sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mb^4 + b}{p}\right) \right)^3 = \begin{cases} p^2(7p^2 + 4p\alpha - 92p - 72\alpha^2) & \text{if } p = 24h + 1, \\ p^2(7p^2 - 4p\alpha - 106p - 72\alpha^2) & \text{if } p = 24h + 17, \\ p^2(5p^2 - 6p\alpha - 28p - 36\alpha^2) & \text{if } p = 24h + 5, \\ p^2(5p^2 + 6p\alpha - 18p - 36\alpha^2) & \text{if } p = 24h + 13. \end{cases}$$

Note that the estimate $|\alpha| \leq \sqrt{p}$, from Corollary 1.5 we also have the following:

Corollary 1.6. Let p be a prime with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4}{p}\right) \right)^3 \cdot \left(\sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mb^4 + b}{p}\right) \right)^3 = 7p^4 + O(p^{\frac{7}{2}}).$$

Corollary 1.7. Let p be a prime with $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, then we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4}{p}\right) \right)^3 \cdot \left(\sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mb^4 + b}{p}\right) \right)^3 = 5p^4 + O(p^{\frac{7}{2}}).$$

For any prime p with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and any positive integer k , let $M_k(p)$ denote the number of the solutions of the congruence equation

$$x_1^4 + x_2^4 + \cdots + x_k^4 + y_1^4 + y_2^4 + y_3^4 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \quad y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

where $0 \leq x_i, y_j \leq p-1$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, $j = 1, 2, 3$.

Then from our theorems we can give an exact computational formula for $M_k(p)$. For example, let $H_s(p)$ denote the number of the congruence equation

$$x_1^4 + x_2^4 + \cdots + x_s^4 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \quad 0 \leq x_i \leq p-1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s.$$

Then we have the identity

$$V_k(p) = \frac{p^2}{p-1} \cdot M_k(p) - \frac{p}{p-1} \cdot H_k(p).$$

Since $H_k(p)$ has a fourth-order linear recurrence formula (see [8]), so from the above formula and our theorems we can deduce the exact value of $M_k(p)$.

2 Several lemmas

To complete the proofs of our theorems, we need to prove four simple lemmas. Hereafter, we will use many properties of the classical Gauss sums and the fourth-order character mod p , all of which can be found in

books concerning Elementary Number Theory or Analytic Number Theory, such as references [7], [14] or [15]. Some important results related to Gauss sums can also be found in [16] and [17]. These contents will not be repeated here. First we have the following:

Lemma 2.1. *Let p be a prime with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, λ be any fourth-order character mod p , then we have*

$$\tau^2(\lambda) + \tau^2(\bar{\lambda}) = \sqrt{p} \cdot \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{a + \bar{a}}{p} \right) = 2\sqrt{p} \cdot \alpha,$$

where $\tau(\lambda) = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \lambda(a) e\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$ denotes the classical Gauss sums, and $\left(\frac{*}{p}\right)$ is the Legendre's symbol mod p .

Proof. In fact this is Lemma 2 of [18], so its proof is omitted. \square

Lemma 2.2. *Let p be a prime with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then for any fourth-order character λ mod p , we have the identity*

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \lambda(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 = \begin{cases} -5p\tau(\lambda) - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda}) & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\ -p\tau(\lambda) - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda}) & \text{if } p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}, \end{cases}$$

where α is the same as in Lemma 2.1.

Proof. First applying trigonometric identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^q e\left(\frac{nm}{q}\right) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } q \mid n, \\ 0 & \text{if } q \nmid n \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

and note that $\lambda^4 = \chi_0$, the principal character mod p , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \lambda(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 = \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \lambda(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^2 \\ & + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \lambda(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right) \left(\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right) \\ & = \tau(\lambda) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + b^4 + 1) \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{c(a+b+1)}{p}\right) \\ & + \tau(\lambda) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + b^4) e\left(\frac{a+b}{p}\right) \\ & = \tau(\lambda)p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{\substack{b=0 \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + b^4 + 1) - \tau(\lambda) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + b^4 + 1) \\ & - \tau(\lambda) + \tau(\lambda) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + 1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{b(a+1)}{p}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

From (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau(\lambda) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + 1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{b(a+1)}{p}\right) = \bar{\lambda}(2)\tau(\lambda)(p-1) - \tau(\lambda) \sum_{a=0}^{p-2} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + 1) \\ & = \bar{\lambda}(2)\tau(\lambda)p - \tau(\lambda) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + 1). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Note that the identity $\lambda\chi_2 = \bar{\lambda}$ and

$$B(m) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4}{p}\right) = \chi_2(m)\sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(m)\tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m)\tau(\bar{\lambda}). \quad (6)$$

From (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tau(\lambda) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + 1) &= \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \lambda(b) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{b(a^4 + 1)}{p}\right) \\ &= \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \lambda(b) (\chi_2(b)\sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(b)\tau(\lambda) + \lambda(b)\tau(\bar{\lambda})) e\left(\frac{b}{p}\right) \\ &= \sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda}) - \tau(\lambda) + \sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda}) = 2\sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda}) - \tau(\lambda).\end{aligned}\quad (7)$$

If $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, then note that $\lambda(-1) = -1$ and $\tau(\lambda)\tau(\bar{\lambda}) = -p$, applying (6) and Lemma 2.1 we also have

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + b^4 + 1) &= \frac{1}{\tau(\lambda)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \lambda(c) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ca^4 + cb^4 + c}{p}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau(\lambda)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \lambda(c) e\left(\frac{c}{p}\right) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ca^4}{p}\right)\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau(\lambda)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \lambda(c) e\left(\frac{c}{p}\right) (\chi_2(b)\sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(b)\tau(\lambda) + \lambda(b)\tau(\bar{\lambda}))^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau(\lambda)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \lambda(c) (2\chi_2(c)\sqrt{p}\alpha - p + 2\lambda(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\lambda) + 2\bar{\lambda}(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda})) e\left(\frac{c}{p}\right) \\ &= p + \frac{2\sqrt{p}(\alpha - 1)\tau(\bar{\lambda})}{\tau(\lambda)}.\end{aligned}\quad (8)$$

Note that $\lambda^2 = \chi_2 = \bar{\lambda}^2$ and the congruence $a + b + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ implies the congruence $a^4 + b^4 + 1 \equiv 2(a^2 + a + 1)^2 \pmod{p}$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + b^4 + 1) &= \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}\left(2(a^2 + a + 1)^2\right) \\ &= \bar{\lambda}(2) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^2 + a + 1) = \bar{\lambda}(2) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(4a^2 + 4a + 4) \\ &= \bar{\lambda}(2) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2((2a + 1)^2 + 3) = \bar{\lambda}(2) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^2 + 3) = -\bar{\lambda}(2).\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

Combining (4), (5), (7), (8) and (9) we have the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \lambda(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right)\right)^3 = -p\tau(\lambda) - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda}). \quad (10)$$

If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then $\lambda(-1) = 1$ and $\tau(\lambda)\tau(\bar{\lambda}) = p$, from the method of proving (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \bar{\lambda}(a^4 + b^4 + 1) &= \frac{1}{\tau(\lambda)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \lambda(c) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ca^4 + cb^4 + c}{p}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau(\lambda)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \lambda(c) e\left(\frac{c}{p}\right) (\chi_2(b)\sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(b)\tau(\lambda) + \lambda(b)\tau(\bar{\lambda}))^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau(\lambda)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \lambda(c) (3p + 2\chi_2(c)\sqrt{p}\alpha + 2\lambda(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\lambda) + 2\bar{\lambda}(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda})) e\left(\frac{c}{p}\right) \\ &= 5p + \frac{2\sqrt{p}(\alpha - 1)\tau(\bar{\lambda})}{\tau(\lambda)}.\end{aligned}\quad (11)$$

Combining (4), (5), (7), (8) and (11) we have the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \lambda(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right)\right)^3 = -5p\tau(\lambda) - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda}). \quad (12)$$

Now Lemma 2.2 follows from (10) and (12). \square

Lemma 2.3. Let p be a prime with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then we have the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 = \begin{cases} p^2 - 6p\alpha & \text{if } p = 24h + 1 \text{ or } p = 24h + 13, \\ -p^2 - 6p\alpha & \text{if } p = 24h + 5 \text{ or } p = 24h + 17. \end{cases}$$

Proof. From (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 = p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \sum_{c=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{a+b+c}{p} \right) \\ & \quad a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ & = p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{a+b}{p} \right) + p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{c(a+b+1)}{p} \right) \\ & \quad a^4 + b^4 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad a^4 + b^4 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ & = p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{a}{p} \right) + p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{b(a+1)}{p} \right) \\ & \quad a^4 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad a^4 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ & \quad + p^2 \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 - p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 \\ & \quad a^4 + b^4 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad a^4 + b^4 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ & \quad a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ & = p - p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} 1 + p^2 \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 - p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Now we calculate each term in (13). If $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, then note that $\lambda(-1) = -1$ we have

$$p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} 1 = 0. \quad (14)$$

Applying (6) and Lemma 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & p \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{m(a^4 + b^4 + 1)}{p} \right) \\ & \quad a^4 + b^4 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ & = p^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4}{p} \right) \right)^2 e \left(\frac{m}{p} \right) \\ & = p^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (2\chi_2(c)\sqrt{p}\alpha - p + 2\lambda(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\lambda) + 2\bar{\lambda}(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda})) e \left(\frac{m}{p} \right) \\ & = p^2 + 2p\alpha + p + 2\sqrt{p}\tau^2(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\tau^2(\bar{\lambda}) = p^2 + p + 6p\alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

It is clear that the congruences $a^4 + b^4 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and $a + b + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ implies that $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and $a^3 \equiv b^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ with $a \neq b$. So we have

$$p^2 \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 = p^2 \sum_{a=2}^{p-1} \sum_{b=2}^{p-1} 1 = \begin{cases} 2p^2 & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

Applying (13), (14), (15) and (16) we have the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 = \begin{cases} p^2 - 6p\alpha & \text{if } p = 24h + 13, \\ -p^2 - 6p\alpha & \text{if } p = 24h + 5. \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then we also have

$$p \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a^4+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} 1 = 4p. \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a^4+b^4+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 &= \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{m(a^4+b^4+1)}{p}\right) \\ &= p^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (3p + 2\chi_2(c)\sqrt{p}\alpha + 2\lambda(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\lambda) + 2\bar{\lambda}(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda})) e\left(\frac{m}{p}\right) \\ &= p^2 + 2p\alpha - 3p + 2\sqrt{p}\tau^2(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\tau^2(\bar{\lambda}) = p^2 - 3p + 6p\alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$p^2 \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a^4+b^4+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} \sum_{\substack{b=0 \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} 1 = p^2 \sum_{\substack{a=2 \\ a^3 \equiv b^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} \sum_{\substack{b=2 \\ ab \equiv 1 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} 1 = \begin{cases} 2p^2 & \text{if } p = 24h + 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } p = 24h + 17. \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

Applying (13), (18), (19) and (20) we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 = \begin{cases} p^2 - 6p\alpha & \text{if } p = 24h + 1, \\ -p^2 - 6p\alpha & \text{if } p = 24h + 17. \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

It is clear that Lemma 2.3 follows from (17) and (21). \square

Lemma 2.4. Let p be a prime with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then we have the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \chi_2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 = \begin{cases} p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p-6) & \text{if } p = 24h + 1, \\ p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p-8) & \text{if } p = 24h + 17, \\ -p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p-4) & \text{if } p = 24h + 13, \\ -p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p-6) & \text{if } p = 24h + 5. \end{cases}$$

Proof. From the properties of the Legendre's symbol mod p we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \chi_2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \chi_2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4+a}{p}\right) \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \chi_2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4+a}{p}\right) \right) \left(\sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mc^4+c}{p}\right) \right) \\ &= \sqrt{p} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) + \sqrt{p} \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4+1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{b(a+1)}{p}\right) \\ &\quad + \sqrt{p} \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4+b^4+1) \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{c(a+b+1)}{p}\right) \\ &= -\sqrt{p} + \chi_2(2)p^{\frac{3}{2}} - \sqrt{p} \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4+1) - \sqrt{p} \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4+b^4+1) \\ &\quad + p^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4+b^4+1). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

From the properties of fourth-order mod p and Lemma 2.1 we have

$$\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4+1) = 1 + \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \chi_2(a+1) (1 + \lambda(a) + \chi_2(a) + \bar{\lambda}(a))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \cdot \left(\tau^2(\lambda) + \tau^2(\bar{\lambda}) - 1 \right) = 2\alpha - 1. \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4 + b^4 + 1) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4 + (a+1)^4 + 1) \\ &= \chi_2(2) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4 + 2a^3 + 3a^2 + 2a + 1) = \chi_2(2) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \chi_2((a^2 + a + 1)^2) \\ &= \begin{cases} \chi_2(2)p & \text{if } p = 12h + 1, \\ \chi_2(2)(p-2) & \text{if } p = 12h + 5. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Note that $\tau(\lambda)\tau(\bar{\lambda}) = -p$, if $p = 8h + 5$. $\tau(\lambda)\tau(\bar{\lambda}) = p$, if $p = 8h + 1$. From the method of proving (15) and (19) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{p} \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \chi_2(a^4 + b^4 + 1) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \chi_2(m) e\left(\frac{ma^4 + mb^4 + m}{p}\right) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \chi_2(m) (\chi_2\sqrt{p} + \lambda(m)\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + \bar{\lambda}(m)\tau(\lambda))^2 e\left(\frac{m}{p}\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 7p^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha & \text{if } p = 8h + 1, \\ -5p^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha & \text{if } p = 8h + 5. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Combining (22), (23), (24) and (25) we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \chi_2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 = \begin{cases} p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p-6) & \text{if } p = 24h + 1, \\ p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p-8) & \text{if } p = 24h + 17, \\ -p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p-4) & \text{if } p = 24h + 13, \\ -p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p-6) & \text{if } p = 24h + 5. \end{cases}$$

This proves Lemma 2.4. □

3 Proofs of the theorems

Now we prove our main results. First we prove Theorem 1.1. If $p = 24h + 1$, then from Lemmas 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (\chi_2(m)\sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(m)\tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m)\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\ &= p^2(p-6) - 5p^2 - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau^2(\lambda) - 5p^2 - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau^2(\bar{\lambda}) \\ &= p(p^2 - 16p - 4\alpha^2). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Applying Lemmas 2.1–2.4 we also have

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (\chi_2(m)\sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(m)\tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m)\tau(\bar{\lambda}))^2 \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (3p + 2\chi_2(m)\sqrt{p}\alpha + 2\lambda(m)\sqrt{p}\tau(\lambda) + 2\bar{\lambda}(m)\sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
&= p^2 (2p\alpha + 3p - 58\alpha).
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

If $p = 8h + 1$, then from (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
B^3(m) &= (\chi_2(m)\sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(m)\tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m)\tau(\bar{\lambda}))^3 \\
&= 7\chi_2(m)p^{\frac{3}{2}} + 4p\alpha + 5p(\bar{\lambda}(m)\tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m)\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad + 2(\bar{\lambda}(m)\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + \lambda(m)\tau(\lambda))\sqrt{p}\alpha.
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

So if $p = 24h + 1$, then from (28), Lemmas 2.1–2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V_3(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^3(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
&= 7p^3(p - 6) + 4p\alpha(p^2 - 6p\alpha) - 5p\tau(\bar{\lambda})(5p\tau(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad - 5p\tau(\lambda)(5p\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)) - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)(5p\tau(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})(5p\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)) \\
&= p^2(7p^2 + 4p\alpha - 92p - 72\alpha^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

If $p = 24h + 17$, then from Lemmas 2.1–2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V_1(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
&= p^2(p - 8) - 5p^2 - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau^2(\lambda) - 5p^2 - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau^2(\bar{\lambda}) \\
&= p(p^2 - 18p - 4\alpha^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_2(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (3p + 2\chi_2(c)\sqrt{p}\alpha + 2\lambda(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\lambda) + 2\bar{\lambda}(c)\sqrt{p}\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
&= p^2(2p\alpha - 3p - 62\alpha).
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Applying (28) and the method of proving (29) we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
V_3(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^3(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
&= 7p^3(p - 8) - 4p\alpha(p^2 + 6p\alpha) - 5p\tau(\bar{\lambda})(5p\tau(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad - 5p\tau(\lambda)(5p\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)) - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)(5p\tau(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})(5p\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)) \\
&= p^2(7p^2 - 4p\alpha - 106p - 72\alpha^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Similarly, if $p = 24h + 5$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V_1(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
&= -p^2(p - 6) + p^2 - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau^2(\lambda) + p^2 - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau^2(\bar{\lambda}) \\
&= -p(p^2 - 8p + 4\alpha^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_2(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (\chi_2(m) \sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(m) \tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m) \tau(\bar{\lambda}))^2 \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (2\chi_2(c) \sqrt{p} \alpha - p + 2\lambda(c) \sqrt{p} \tau(\lambda) + 2\bar{\lambda}(c) \sqrt{p} \tau(\bar{\lambda})) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= -p^2 (2p\alpha - p - 22\alpha).
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

If $p = 24h + 5$, then from (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
B^3(m) &= (\chi_2(m) \sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(m) \tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m) \tau(\bar{\lambda}))^3 \\
&= -5\chi_2(m) p^{\frac{3}{2}} + 6p\alpha + p (\bar{\lambda}(m) \tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m) \tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad + 2 (\bar{\lambda}(m) \tau(\bar{\lambda}) + \lambda(m) \tau(\lambda)) \sqrt{p} \alpha.
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

So from (35) and the method of proving (29) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V_3(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^3(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= 5p^3(p-6) - 6p\alpha(p^2 + 6p\alpha) - p\tau(\bar{\lambda})(p\tau(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad - p\tau(\lambda)(p\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)) - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)(p\tau(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})(p\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)) \\
&= p^2(5p^2 - 6p\alpha - 28p - 36\alpha^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

If $p = 24h + 13$, then (35), Lemmas 2.1–2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V_1(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= -p^2(p-4) + p^2 - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau^2(\lambda) + p^2 - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau^2(\bar{\lambda}) \\
&= -p(p^2 - 6p + 4\alpha^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_2(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^2(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (\chi_2(m) \sqrt{p} + \bar{\lambda}(m) \tau(\lambda) + \lambda(m) \tau(\bar{\lambda}))^2 \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (2\chi_2(c) \sqrt{p} \alpha - p + 2\lambda(c) \sqrt{p} \tau(\lambda) + 2\bar{\lambda}(c) \sqrt{p} \tau(\bar{\lambda})) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= -p^2(2p\alpha + p - 18\alpha).
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_3(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^3(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e \left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p} \right) \right)^3 \\
&= 5p^3(p-4) + 6p\alpha(p^2 - 6p\alpha) - p\tau(\bar{\lambda})(p\tau(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad - p\tau(\lambda)(p\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)) - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)(p\tau(\lambda) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})) \\
&\quad - 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\bar{\lambda})(p\tau(\bar{\lambda}) + 2\sqrt{p}\alpha\tau(\lambda)) \\
&= p^2(5p^2 + 6p\alpha - 18p - 36\alpha^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Finally, note that if $p = 8h + 1$, then from (6) and direct calculation (or see Lemma 3 in [7]) we have the identity

$$B^4(m) = 6pB^2(m) + 8p\alpha B(m) - p(p - 4\alpha^2). \quad (40)$$

For any prime $p = 24h + 1$ and integer $k \geq 4$, from (26), (27), (29) and (40) we may immediately deduce the fourth-order linear recurrence formula

$$\begin{aligned} V_k(p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^k(m) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} B^{k-4}(m) \left(6pB^2(m) + 8p\alpha B(m) - p(p - 4\alpha^2) \right) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^4 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\ &= 6pV_{k-2}(p) + 8p\alpha V_{k-3}(p) - p(p - 4\alpha^2) V_{k-4}(p), \end{aligned}$$

where the first four values $V_0(p) = p^2 - 6p\alpha$, $V_1(p) = p(p^2 - 16p - 4\alpha^2)$, $V_2(p) = p^2(2p\alpha + 3p - 58\alpha)$ and $V_3(p) = p^2(7p^2 + 4p\alpha - 92p - 72\alpha^2)$.

This proves Theorem 1.1.

If $p = 24h + 17$, then from (30), (31), (32) and (40) we have

$$V_k(p) = 6pV_{k-2}(p) + 8p\alpha V_{k-3}(p) - p(p - 4\alpha^2) V_{k-4}(p),$$

where the first four values $V_0(p) = -p^2 - 6p\alpha$, $V_1(p) = p(p^2 - 18p - 4\alpha^2)$, $V_2(p) = p^2(2p\alpha - 3p - 62\alpha)$ and $V_3(p) = p^2(7p^2 - 4p\alpha - 106p - 72\alpha^2)$.

This proves Theorem 1.2.

If $p = 8h + 5$, then from (6) and direct calculation (or see Lemma 3 in [7]) we also have

$$B^4(m) = -2pB^2(m) + 8p\alpha B(m) - p(9p - 4\alpha^2). \quad (41)$$

For any prime $p = 24h + 5$ and integer $k \geq 4$, from (33), (34), (35) and (41) we can deduce the fourth-order linear recurrence formula

$$V_k(p) = -2pV_{k-2}(p) + 8p\alpha V_{k-3}(p) - p(9p - 4\alpha^2) V_{k-4}(p),$$

where the first four terms are $V_0(p) = -(p^2 + 6p\alpha)$, $V_1(p) = -p(p^2 - 8p + 4\alpha^2)$, $V_2(p) = -p^2(2p\alpha - p - 22\alpha)$ and $V_3(p) = p^2(5p^2 - 6p\alpha - 28p - 36\alpha^2)$.

This proves Theorem 1.3.

If $p = 24h + 13$, then from (37), (38), (39) and (41) we also have

$$V_k(p) = -2pV_{k-2}(p) + 8p\alpha V_{k-3}(p) - p(9p - 4\alpha^2) V_{k-4}(p),$$

where the first four terms are $V_0(p) = p^2 - 6p\alpha$, $V_1(p) = -p(p^2 - 6p + 4\alpha^2)$, $V_2(p) = -p^2(2p\alpha + p - 18\alpha)$ and $V_3(p) = p^2(5p^2 + 6p\alpha - 18p - 36\alpha^2)$.

This completes the proofs of our all results.

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