

Linear congruence relations for 2-adic L -series at integers

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Abstract. In the paper we find a further generalization of congruences of the K. Hardy and K. S. Williams [5] type which seems to be a full generalization of congruences of G. Gras [4]. Moreover we extend results of [5], [7], [8], [9] and in part of [6]. We apply ideas and methods of [2], [7] and [9].

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1. Notation

Let us recall the notation of the paper [9]. As usual let \mathbb{C}_p (p -prime) stand for the completion of an algebraic closure of \mathbb{Q} at some place above p . Let $L_p(k, \chi)$ denote the p -adic L -function defined in [10]. Here χ is a primitive Dirichlet character with values in \mathbb{C}_p . Following R. F. Coleman [2] we define p -adic multilogarithms by the formula

$$l_k^{(p)}(z) = l_k(z) - p^{-k}l_k(z^p),$$

where $l_k = l_{k,p}$ is a locally analytic function on $\mathbb{C}_p - \{1\}$ defined in [2]. We adopt the notation $\sum_{a=1}^c$ to mean a sum taken over integers a coprime to c . Let A be a positive integer. For any Dirichlet character ψ modulo A , any integer k and $z \in \mathbb{C}_2$, we define

$$\mathcal{L}_{k,\psi}(z) = (-1)^{k+1}g(\overline{\psi})A^{-1} \sum_{a=1}^A \psi(a)l_k(\zeta_A^a z), \quad (z \neq \zeta_A^a),$$

if ψ is not trivial, and we set

$$\mathcal{L}_{k,\psi}(z) = (-1)^{k+1}l_k^{(2)}(z), \quad (z \neq \pm 1),$$

otherwise. Here ζ_A is a primitive A th root of unity. Further on we shall adopt the same convention as in [9]. For any Dirichlet character χ modulo $M > 1$ and for any integer k we write

$$L_2^{[M]}(k, \chi\omega^{1-k}) = \prod_{p|M, p\text{-prime}} (1 - \chi(p)p^{1-k})L_2(k, \chi\omega^{1-k}),$$

unless $k = 1$ and χ is trivial in which case we simply put $L_2^{[M]}(k, \chi\omega^{1-k}) = 0$. Here $\omega := \omega_p$ is the Teichmüller character at p . Let \mathcal{T}_M denote the set of all fundamental discriminants dividing M . The set can be described as the set of square-free numbers of the form $4n + 1$ and 4 times square-free numbers not of this form. Let us denote by $\chi_d = \left(\frac{d}{\cdot}\right)$ the quadratic character (Kronecker symbol) associated with the fundamental discriminant d . It is convenient to denote by χ_1 the trivial character.

Let $\gamma_{e,l} = -1$ if $l \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ and $e \in \mathcal{T}_8 - \mathcal{T}_4$, and let $\gamma_{e,l} = 1$ otherwise. Denote by K a finite set of integers. Let us consider a finite set of 2-adic integers $\{x_{k,e}\}_{k \in K, e \in \mathcal{T}_8}$. For $l \geq 0$ and $\varrho \in \{0, 1\}$ we define

$$t_{2l+\varrho} = 2^\varrho \sum_{k,e} (-1)^{l(k+1)} (2l+1)^{1-k} \gamma_{l,e} x_{k,e},$$

where the sum is taken over all $k \in K, e \in \mathcal{T}_8$ if $\varrho = 0$ and over $k \in K, e \in \mathcal{T}_8$ satisfying $\text{sgn } e = (-1)^k$ if $\varrho = 1$.

Let us consider a sequence of the form

$$y_n = \sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} a_{k,e}(n) x_{k,e},$$

where $a_{k,e}(n)$ ($n \geq 0$) are 2-adic integers. For this sequence, let $c := c(\{y_n\}) \geq 0$ denote an integer satisfying:

- (i) there exists a sequence of 2-adic integers $\{x_{k,e}\}$ not all being even such that

$$y_n \equiv 0 \pmod{2^c},$$

- (ii) if for a sequence of 2-adic integers $\{x_{k,e}\}$ we have $y_n \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{c+1}}$ then all the numbers $x_{k,e}$ are even.

2. The main theorem

THEOREM. *Let $M > 1$ be a square-free odd natural number having r prime factors and let $\Psi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_2$ be a multiplicative function with odd values at divisors of M . Let K denote a finite set consisting of consecutive integers and write $m = \#K$. Let $\{x_{k,e}\}_{k \in K, e \in \mathcal{T}_8}$ be a sequence of 2-adic integers not all being even. Write*

$\mathcal{J}_M = -(\log_2 M)/2$, if M is a prime number and $\mathcal{J}_M = 0$ otherwise. Then the number

$$\Lambda_2(x, M) := \sum_{\substack{e \in \mathcal{T}_g, \\ k \in K}} (-1)^{k+1} x_{k,e} \sum_{d \in \mathcal{T}_M} \Psi(|d|) L_2^{[M]}(k, \chi_{ed} \omega^{1-k}) + x_{1,1} \mathcal{J}_M$$

is a 2-adic integer divisible by $2^{r+\lambda}$, where 2^λ is the greatest common divisor of $2^{c(\{t_n\})}$ and t_n , $0 \leq n \leq 4m - 1$. Moreover we have

$$c(\{t_n\}) = 4m - 1 - s_2(m) - \text{ord}_2(m),$$

where $s_2(m)$ denotes the sum of digits of the 2-adic expansion of m .

3. Lemmas

The proof the theorem is divided into a sequence of lemmas. Some of these lemmas were proved in [9]. The others extend corresponding lemmas of [9].

LEMMA 1 ([9], cf. [7]). *Given any odd integer M , let χ be a primitive Dirichlet character modulo M . Suppose that N is an odd multiple of M such that N/M is square-free and relatively prime to M . Let ψ be a primitive Dirichlet character being either trivial or of even conductor coprime to N . Let ω denote the Teichmüller character at $p = 2$ and write $\zeta_N = \zeta_M \zeta_{N/M}$. Then for any integer k we have*

$$\begin{aligned} g(\bar{\chi}) M^{-1} \sum'_{a=1}^N \chi(a) \mathcal{L}_{k,\psi}(\zeta_N^a) \\ = (-1)^{r(N/M)+k+1} \prod_{p|(N/M)} (1 - \bar{\chi}\bar{\psi}(p) p^{1-k}) L_2(k, \chi\psi\omega^{1-k}), \end{aligned}$$

unless $k = 1$ and both the characters χ and ψ are trivial, in which case we have

$$\sum'_{a=1}^N \mathcal{L}_{k,\psi}(\zeta_N^a) = \begin{cases} -(\log_2 N)/2, & \text{if } N \text{ is a prime number,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. The case if χ or ψ are not trivial for any k , and the case if $k \in \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$ for any χ and ψ were considered in [9]. Let us assume that both the characters χ and ψ are trivial and $k \notin \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$. In order to prove the lemma in this case we apply the methods of the proof of Lemma 1 of [9]. Then putting $N = nq$, where q is a prime number, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=1}^N l_k(\zeta_N^a) &= \sum_{a=1}^n \sum_{c=0}^{q-1} l_k(\zeta_{nq}^{cn+a}) - \sum_{b=1}^n l_k(\zeta_{nq}^{bq}) \\
&= \sum_{a=1}^n \sum_{c=0}^{q-1} l_k(\zeta_{nq}^a \zeta_q^c) - \sum_{a=1}^n l_k(\zeta_n^a) \\
&= \sum_{a=1}^n \frac{l_k(\zeta_n^a)}{q^{k-1}} - \sum_{a=1}^n l_k(\zeta_n^a) \\
&= -(1 - q^{1-k}) \sum_{a=1}^n l_k(\zeta_n^a).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by induction on the number $r(N)$ of prime factors of N we get

$$\sum_{a=1}^N l_k(\zeta_N^a) = (-1)^{r(N)-1} \prod_{p|(N/q)} (1 - p^{1-k}) \sum_{a=1}^q l_k(\zeta_q^a),$$

where the product is taken over primes dividing N/q .

On the other hand Corollary 7.1a [2] and formula (4), p. 2 [2] imply

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=1}^q l_k(\zeta_q^a) &= -(1 - q^{1-k}) \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} l_k(z) \\
&= -(1 - q^{1-k})(1 - 2^{-k})^{-1} L_2(k, \omega^{1-k})
\end{aligned}$$

if $k \geq 2$. Therefore the lemma in this case follows easily from the obvious equation

$$\sum_{a=1}^N l_{k,\psi}(\zeta_N^a) = (-1)^{k+1} (1 - 2^{-k}) \sum_{a=1}^N l_k(\zeta_N^a).$$

If $k \leq -1$ then we shall prove that

$$\sum_{a=1}^q l_k(\zeta_q^a) = (1 - q^{1-k}) \frac{B_{1-k, \chi_1}}{1 - k}, \quad (1)$$

where B_n denotes the n th Bernoulli number. Further on we shall apply some polynomials $R_n \in \mathbb{Z}[z]$ introduced by Frobenius in [3] (see also formulas 2.6 and 2.14 in [1]) and defined by the formula

$$\frac{1 - z}{e^t - z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{R_n(z)}{(1 - z)^n n!}.$$

We shall prove for that for $n \geq 0$ the following identity

$$l_{-n}(z) = -\frac{zR_n(z)}{(z-1)^{n+1}}$$

holds. By definition of l_k (see [2], p. 195) it suffices to check that the right-hand side, of the above equation, let us denote it by $r_n(z)$, satisfies

- (i) $r_0(z) = \frac{z}{z-1}$,
- (ii) $\frac{dr_k(z)}{dz} = \frac{r_{k-1}(z)}{z}$,
- (iii) $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} r_k(z) = 0$.

By definition we have

$$r_0(z) = -\frac{zR_0(z)}{1-z} = \frac{z}{z-1}$$

and so (i) holds. (iii) is also obvious. As for (ii), we have to prove that

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{zR_n(z)}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \right) = -\frac{R_{n+1}(z)}{(1-z)^{n+2}}. \tag{2}$$

By definition of the polynomials $R_n(z)$ we have

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{z}{e^t - z} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{zR_n(z)}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

and so we obtain

$$\frac{e^t}{(e^t - z)^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{zR_n(z)}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \right) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{3}$$

On the other hand we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1-z}{e^t - z} \right) = \frac{-e^t(1-z)}{(e^t - z)^2}$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{R_n(z)}{(1-z)^n} \frac{t^n}{(n)!} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{R_n(z)}{(1-z)^n} \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{R_{n+1}(z)}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

Hence we find that

$$\frac{e^t}{(e^t - z)^2} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{R_{n+1}(z)}{(1-z)^{n+2}} \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

This together with (3) gives the formula (2) at once. Consequently, we get

$$\frac{z}{e^t - z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n l_{-n}(z) \frac{t^n}{n!}. \tag{4}$$

Let p be a prime number and let $\zeta \neq 1$ be a p th root of unity. Then (4) implies

$$\begin{aligned} t \sum_{a=1}^p \frac{\zeta^a}{e^t - \zeta^a} &= \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n l_{-n}(\zeta^a) \frac{t^{n+1}}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{n-1} l_{1-n}(\zeta^a) n \frac{t^n}{n!}. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

On the other hand, we have formally

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{a=1}^p \frac{\zeta^a}{e^t - \zeta^a} &= - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \zeta^{-an} \right) e^{tn} = \sum_{n \geq 0, p \nmid n} e^{tn} - (p-1) \sum_{n \geq 0, p|n} e^{tn} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{tn} - p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{tpn} = \frac{1}{1 - e^t} - \frac{p}{1 - e^{pt}} \end{aligned}$$

and in consequence by definition of Bernoulli numbers we get

$$t \sum_{a=1}^p \frac{\zeta^a}{e^t - \zeta^a} = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n (1 - p^n) \frac{t^n}{n!}.$$

This together with (5) gives

$$\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} l_{1-n}(\zeta^a) = (-1)^n (1 - p^n) \frac{B_n}{n}$$

and so (1) holds as $B_n = 0$ if $n > 1$ is odd. Finally, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{a=1}^N \mathcal{L}_{k,\psi}(\zeta_N^a) &= (-1)^{k+1} (1 - 2^{-k}) (-1)^{r(N)-1} \prod_{p|N} (1 - p^{1-k}) \frac{B_{1-k}}{1 - k} \\ &= (-1)^{k+1} (-1)^{r(N)} \prod_{p|N} (1 - p^{1-k}) L_2(k, \omega^{1-k}) \end{aligned}$$

and the lemma is proved. □

Let $n \geq 0$ and k be integers. For any $e \in \mathcal{T}_8$ let us define

$$W_{k,e}(n) = \sum_{l=0}^n (-1)^{l(k+1)} (2l + 1)^{1-k} \gamma_{e,l} \binom{2n + 1}{n - l}. \tag{6}$$

Let us notice that the numbers $W_{k,e}(n)$ are 2-adic integers. Moreover if $k = 0$ and $e \in \mathcal{T}_4$ then we have $W_{k,e}(0) = 1$ and $W_{k,e}(n) = 0$ if $n \geq 1$. If $k = 0$ and $e \notin \mathcal{T}_4$ then we have $W_{k,e}(n) = (2n + 1)2^n$. If $k = 1$ then we have $W_{k,e}(n) = 4^n$ if $e \in \mathcal{T}_4$ and $W_{k,e}(n) = 2^n$ if $e \notin \mathcal{T}_4$. Furthermore for $e \in \mathcal{T}_8$ we have

$$W_{k-2,e}(n) = (2n + 1)^2 W_{k,e}(n) - 8n(2n + 1)W_{k,e}(n - 1). \tag{7}$$

Indeed, by the definition the right-hand side of (7) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & (2n + 1)^2 \sum_{l=0}^n (-1)^{l(k+1)} (2l + 1)^{1-k} \gamma_{e,l} \binom{2n + 1}{n - l} \\ & - 8n(2n + 1) \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{l(k+1)} (2l + 1)^{1-k} \gamma_{e,l} \binom{2n - 1}{n - 1 - l} \\ & = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{l(k+1)} (2l + 1)^{1-k} \gamma_{e,l} \frac{(2n + 1)!}{(n - l - 1)!(n + l)!} \\ & \quad \times \left(\frac{(2n + 1)^2}{(n - l)(n + l + 1)} - 4 \right) \\ & \quad + (-1)^{n(k+1)} (2n + 1)^{1-(k-2)} \gamma_{n,e} \\ & = \sum_{l=0}^n (-1)^{l(k-1)} (2l + 1)^{1-(k-2)} \gamma_{e,l} \binom{2n + 1}{n - l}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by a simple induction on n we can deduce from (7) that

$$W_{k,e}(n) = \frac{2^{4n}}{2n + 1} \binom{2n}{n}^{-1} \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{1}{2l + 1} \binom{2l}{l} 2^{-4l} W_{k-2,e}(l). \tag{8}$$

Using the numbers $W_{k,e}(n)$ we shall extend Lemma 3 [9], and next Lemmas 6 and 7 of [7] and Lemma 4 [9].

LEMMA 2. *Let $n \geq 0$ be an integer. Set $\gamma_n = -1$, if $n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$, and $\gamma_n = 1$, otherwise. Then for the numbers $W_{m,e}(n)$ defined above we have*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n + k}{n - k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k + 1} W_{m,e}(k) = \frac{(-1)^{nm} \gamma_n}{(2n + 1)^m}.$$

Proof. First we shall prove (using Granville’s ideas similarly as in the proof of Lemma 3 [9]) the following identity

$$\begin{aligned}
& (2n+1)^2 \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} W_{m,e}(k) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} W_{m-2,e}(k). \tag{9}
\end{aligned}$$

Let us denote

$$\lambda_k = (-1)^k 2^{4k} \binom{n+k}{n-k} \binom{2k}{k}^{-1}.$$

Then for all $k \geq 0$ we have

$$\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1} = \left(\frac{2n+1}{2k+1} \right)^2 \lambda_k$$

and so we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& (2n+1)^2 \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} W_{m,e}(k) \\
&= (2n+1)^2 \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\lambda_k}{(2k+1)^2} \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{1}{2l+1} \binom{2l}{l} 2^{-4l} W_{m-2,e}(l) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n (\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}) \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{1}{2l+1} \binom{2l}{l} 2^{-4l} W_{m-2,e}(l) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\lambda_k}{2k+1} \binom{2k}{k} 2^{-4k} W_{m-2,e}(k) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} W_{m-2,e}(k).
\end{aligned}$$

Now the lemma follows from (9) by induction on m in virtue of the identities

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{n-k} (-2)^k &= \gamma_n; & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{n-k} \frac{(-1)^k W_{0,1}(k)}{2k+1} &= 1, \\
\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{n-k} \frac{(-4)^k}{2k+1} &= \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}; & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{n-k} \frac{(-2)^k}{2k+1} &= \frac{(-1)^n \gamma_n}{2n+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

To evaluate the first identity, note that

$$\binom{n+k}{n-k}$$

is the coefficient of t^n in

$$\frac{t^k}{(1-t)^{2k+1}}.$$

Thus the left-hand side of the identity is the coefficient of t^n in

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{(-2t)^k}{(1-t)^{2k+1}} &= \frac{1}{1-t} \frac{1}{1 - ((-2t)/(1-t)^2)} \\ &= \frac{1-t}{1+t^2} = \frac{1-t-t^2+t^3}{1-t^4} \end{aligned}$$

and so equals -1 , if $n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{2}$ and 1 , otherwise. See the proof of Lemma 3 [9]. The identity with the numbers $W_{0,1}(k)$ follows immediately from the definition of these numbers. Two remaining identities follow from the obvious formula

$$\frac{2n+1}{2k+1} \binom{n+k}{n-k} = \binom{n+k+1}{n-k} + \binom{n+k}{n-k-1}.$$

It suffices to notice that

$$\binom{n+k+1}{n-k} \left(\text{resp.} \binom{n+k}{n-k-1} \right)$$

is the coefficient of t^n (resp. t^{n+1}) in

$$\frac{t^k}{(1-t)^{2k+2}}.$$

The rest of the proof runs as above. □

In the next lemmas let $\xi \neq 1$ be an N th root of unity, where N is an odd natural number.

LEMMA 3. For any $e \in \mathcal{T}_8$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ write $\alpha = (-1)^{m+1} \text{sgn}(e)$ and let

$$w_\alpha = \frac{\alpha \xi}{1 + \alpha \xi^2}.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{L}_{m,e}(\xi) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^k W_{m,e}(k)}{2k+1} w_\alpha^{2k+1}.$$

Proof. First let us observe that the 2-adic series on the right-hand side of the above equation converges. In fact it is easy to see that $\text{ord}_2(W_{m,e}(n)) \geq n$.

We can prove it by induction on m . It is obvious that $\text{ord}_2(W_{0,e}(n)) \geq n$ and $\text{ord}_2(W_{1,e}(n)) \geq n$. If $m \leq 0$ we can apply formula (7). If $m \geq 1$ then it follows from (8) at once since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}_2(W_{m,e}(n)) &= \text{ord}_2 \left(\frac{2^{4n}}{2n+1} \binom{2n}{n}^{-1} \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{1}{2l+1} \binom{2l}{l} 2^{4l} W_{m-2,e}(l) \right) \\ &= \text{ord}_2 \left(\sum_{l=0}^n \frac{n!(2l+1)!!}{l!(2l+1)(2n+1)!!} 2^{3(n-l)} W_{m-2,e}(l) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $r!!$ is the product of all odd integers $\leq r$.

Now write $\gamma^2 = \alpha$. On the open unit ball in \mathbb{C}_2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^k W_{m,e}(k)}{2k+1} \left(\frac{\alpha x}{1+\alpha x^2} \right)^{2k+1} \\ &= -i\gamma \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k W_{m,e}(k)}{2k+1} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (i\gamma x)^{2l+1} \right)^{2k+1} \\ &= -i\gamma \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k W_{m,e}(k)}{2k+1} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \binom{2k+l}{l} (i\gamma x)^{2(k+l)+1} \\ &= -i\gamma \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^l \frac{(-1)^k W_{m,e}(k)}{2k+1} \binom{l+k}{l-k} (i\gamma x)^{2l+1} \\ &= -i\gamma \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (i\gamma x)^{2l+1} \sum_{k=0}^l \binom{l+k}{l-k} \frac{(-1)^k W_{m,e}(k)}{2k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the lemma follows immediately from Lemma 2, Theorem 5.11 [2] and the uniqueness principle (see p. 176, [2]). \square

In order to prove the key lemma of the paper we will need the following elementary fact

LEMMA 4 (cf. Lemma 5.19 and 5.21 [10]). *For integers $b, p \geq 0$ we have*

$$\sum_{a=0}^b \alpha^p (-1)^a \binom{b}{a} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p < b, \\ (-1)^b b! & \text{if } p = b, \\ b! \times \text{integer} & \text{if } p > b. \end{cases}$$

Proof. The first and the third identities are proved in [10] (see Lemmas 5.19 and 5.21 respectively). As for the second identity it follows by the same manner as the

third one (for details, see the proof of Lemma 5.21 [10]). □

LEMMA 5. Let $m \geq 1$ be an integer and let $K = \{-m + 2, -m + 3, \dots, 0, 1\}$. Then for the sequence $\{t_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ defined in the Notation we have

$$c(\{t_n\}) = 3m - 1 + \text{ord}_2((m - 1)!).$$

Proof. In what follows, let $r = 3m - 1 + \text{ord}_2((m - 1)!)$. Let us consider the infinite system of congruences

$$t_{2n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{r+1}}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{10}$$

We shall prove that the above congruences with $n \leq 2m - 1$ imply $x_{k,e} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. Substituting in (10)

$$x_k = x_{k,e} + x_{k,e'} \quad \text{and} \quad y_k = x_{k,e} - x_{k,e'},$$

where $e \in \mathcal{T}_4$ and $e' \notin \mathcal{T}_4$, we can rewrite it in the form of two subsystems of congruences

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & -7 & (-7)^2 & \dots & (-7)^{m-1} \\ 1 & 9 & 9^2 & \dots & 9^{m-1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & s_1 & s_1^2 & \dots & s_1^{m-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_0 \\ x_{-1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{-m+2} \end{pmatrix} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^r} \tag{11}$$

(in this subsystem we consider the congruences of (10) with $n \equiv 0$ or $3 \pmod{4}$, here $s_1 = (-1)^{m+1}(4m - 2) - 1$) and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & (-3)^2 & \dots & (-3)^{m-1} \\ 1 & 5 & 5^2 & \dots & 5^{m-1} \\ 1 & -11 & (-11)^2 & \dots & (-11)^{m-1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & s_2 & s_2^2 & \dots & s_2^{m-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_0 \\ y_{-1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{-m+2} \end{pmatrix} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^r} \tag{12}$$

(in this subsystem we consider the congruences of (10) with $n \equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod{4}$, here $s_2 = (-1)^m(4m - 2) - 1$). We have

$$x_{k,e} = \frac{x_k + y_k}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad x_{k,e'} = \frac{x_k - y_k}{2}. \tag{13}$$

Let $0 \leq b \leq m - 1$ be a fixed integer. Let us notice that for any $1 \leq k \leq b + 1$ (resp. any $0 \leq a \leq b$) there exists $0 \leq a \leq b$ (resp. $1 \leq k \leq b + 1$) such that

$$2(-1)^{k+1}(2k - 1) - 1 = 8([b/2] - a) + 1. \quad (14)$$

It suffices to take $a = [b/2] + (-1)^k[k/2]$ (resp. $k = 2a - 2[b/2]$ if $a \geq [b/2]$ and $k = 2[b/2] - 2a + 1$ if $a \leq [b/2] - 1$). Similarly, for any $1 \leq k \leq b + 1$ (resp. any $0 \leq a \leq b$) there exists $0 \leq a \leq b$ (resp. $1 \leq k \leq b + 1$) such that

$$2(-1)^{k+1}(2k - 1) - 1 = 8([b/2] - a) - 3. \quad (15)$$

It suffices to take $a = [b/2] + (-1)^{k+1}[k/2]$ (resp. $k = 2[b/2] - 2a$ if $a \leq [b/2] - 1$ and $k = 2a - 2[b/2] + 1$ if $a \geq [b/2]$). In other words, there are two one-one correspondences between integers $k \in [1, b + 1]$ and $a \in [0, b]$ satisfying (14) or (15) respectively. Using these correspondences and identity

$$\sum_{a=0}^b (8(c - a) + f)^p (-1)^a \binom{b}{a} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p < b, \\ 8^b b!, & \text{if } p = b, \\ 8^b b! \times \text{integer}, & \text{if } p > b, \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

with $b \leq m - 1$, $p \leq m - 1$, $c = [b/2]$ and $f = 1, -3$, we can rewrite the above systems in the equivalent triangular forms

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & 8 \times \text{integer} & \dots & 8 \times \text{integer} \\ 0 & 0 & 128 & \dots & 128 \times \text{integer} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (-8)^{m-1}(m-1)! \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_0 \\ x_{-1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{-m+2} \end{pmatrix} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^r}, \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & (-3)^2 & \dots & (-3)^{m-1} \\ 0 & 8 & 8 \times \text{integer} & \dots & 8 \times \text{integer} \\ 0 & 0 & 128 & \dots & 128 \times \text{integer} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 8^{m-1}(m-1)! \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_0 \\ y_{-1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{-m+2} \end{pmatrix} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^r}, \quad (18)$$

To construct the i th congruence of (17) or (18) one can multiply the k th congruence of (11) (resp. of (12)) for $1 \leq k \leq i$ through by $(-1)^a \binom{b}{a}$, where $b = i - 1$ and $a = [a/2] + (-1)^k[k/2]$ (resp. $a = [b/2] + (-1)^{k+1}[k/2]$) and next add up the first i congruences of each of the systems using identity (16). Therefore $x_{-m+2} \equiv$

$0 \pmod{4}$ at once and then the congruences $x_{-m+3} \equiv \dots \equiv x_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ follow by induction. Similarly we obtain the congruences $y_{-m+2} \equiv \dots \equiv y_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ and the parity of $x_{k,e}$ with $\text{sgn } e = (-1)^k$ follows from (13) immediately.

In order to prove the same for $x_{k,e}$ with $\text{sgn } e \neq (-1)^k$, let us notice that

$$t_{2n} = t_{2n+1} + \tilde{t}_{2n+1},$$

where \tilde{t}_{2l+1} comes into t_{2l+1} by substituting $x_{k,1}$ (resp. $x_{k,-4}$, $x_{k,8}$ or $x_{k,-8}$) instead of $x_{k,-4}$ (resp. $x_{k,1}$, $x_{k,-8}$ or $x_{k,8}$). Then the divisibility $2^{r+1} \mid t_{2l}, t_{2l+1}$, leads to $2^{r+1} \mid \tilde{t}_{2l+1}$ and by the same reasoning as in the case of $\text{sgn } e = (-1)^k$ we get $x_{k,e} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ in the case under consideration. We have showed that $c(\{t_n\}) \leq r$.

In order to prove the lemma completely we should find a sequence of 2-adic integers $\{x_{k,e}\}$ not all being even such that the congruences

$$t_s \equiv 0 \pmod{2^r}, \quad s \geq 0 \tag{19}$$

hold.

We begin by putting $x_{k,1} = -x_{k,-4}$ and $x_{k,8} = -x_{k,-8}$ which implies $t_s = 0$ for s even and next we will find $x_{k,-4}, x_{k,-8}$ not all being even satisfying $t_s \equiv 0 \pmod{2^r}$ for s odd. It is obvious that the systems (17) and (18) have a solutions such that $x_{-m+2} = 2$ and $y_{-m+2} = 0$ and hence that the system (19) with odd $s \leq 4m - 1$ has a solution such that $x_{-m+2,-4} = 1$, and $x_{-m+2,-8} = 1$. Now we have to prove that $t_s \equiv 0 \pmod{2^r}$ with the above r if $s \geq 4m$. It will follow from the identity (16). \square

LEMMA 6. *Let $m \geq 1$ be an integer and let $K = \{-m + 2, -m + 3, \dots, 1\}$. Let $\{x_{k,e}\}_{k \in K, e \in \mathcal{T}_8}$ be a sequence of integers in \mathbb{C}_2 not all being even. Then we have:*

(i)

$$\sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} x_{k,e} \mathcal{L}_{k,e}(\xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^\lambda}, \tag{20}$$

where 2^λ is the greatest common divisor of t_n , $0 \leq n \leq 4m - 1$ and $2^{c(\{t_n\})}$.

(ii) *For any integer l we get*

$$\sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} x_{k,e} \mathcal{L}_{k+l,e}(\xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^\lambda}.$$

Proof. Lemma 3 and formula (6) imply

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} x_{k,e} \mathcal{L}_{k,e}(\xi) &= \sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} x_{k,e} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n W_{k,e}(n)}{2n+1} \omega_\alpha^{2n+1} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \sum_{\substack{k \in L, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} x_{k,e} \sum_{l=0}^n \alpha^n (-1)^{l(k+1)} \\
&\quad \times (2l+1)^{1-k} \gamma_{e,l} \binom{2n+1}{n-l} \omega_\alpha^{2n+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, putting for $n \geq 0$ and $\varrho \in \{0, 1\}$

$$z_{2n+\varrho} = \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{1}{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{n-l} t_{2l+\varrho}$$

and

$$v_{2n+1} = \frac{1}{2} ((-1)^n \omega_{-1}^{2n+1} - w_1^{2n+1}),$$

we have

$$\sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} x_{k,e} \mathcal{L}_{k,e}(\xi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_{2n} \omega_1^{2n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_{2n+1} v_{2n+1}. \quad (21)$$

The numbers $z_{2n+\varrho}$ and v_{2n+1} are 2-adic integers. Write $c = c(\{z_s\})$ and $\tilde{c} = c(\{t_s\})$. Let us notice that

$$c = \tilde{c}.$$

Indeed, if for a sequence of 2-adic integers $\{x_{k,e}\}$ not all being even we have $t_s \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{\tilde{c}}}$ then by the definition of $\{z_s\}$ we have $z_s \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{\tilde{c}}}$ and so $c \geq \tilde{c}$. Let us prove the inequality $c \leq \tilde{c}$. By definition there exists a sequence of 2-adic integers $\{x_{k,e}\}$ such that $z_s \equiv 0 \pmod{2^c}$. Then the congruences $t_s \equiv 0 \pmod{2^c}$ follow by induction on s from the obvious identity

$$t_s = (s - \varrho + 1) z_s - \sum_{l=0}^{(s-\varrho-2)/2} \binom{s-\varrho-1}{\frac{s-\varrho-2l}{2}} t_{2l+\varrho}.$$

Here $\varrho = 0$ if n is even and $\varrho = 1$ if n is odd.

Thus in order to prove the part (i) of the lemma it suffices to use the fact that the divisibility $2^r | t_s$ for $s \leq 4m - 1$ implies the same for $s > 4m - 1$ which was already proved for odd s in the previous lemma. If s is even then we apply the formula

$$t_{2n} = t_{2n+1} + \tilde{t}_{2n+1}.$$

Since $2^r | t_{2n}, t_{2n+1}$ for $2n + 1 < 4m$ we deduce that $2^r | \tilde{t}_{2n+1}$ then. The proof that $2^r | \tilde{t}_{2n+1}$ for $2n + 1 > 4m$ is the same as for t_{2n+1} in the previous lemma and we get $2^r | t_{2n}$ for any $n \geq 0$.

In order to prove the part (ii) let us notice that by the definition the numbers t_s defined on the set $K + l$ are equal to t_s defined on K multiplied by the factor $(2s + 1)^l$ and since the factor is odd the second part of the lemma follows at once. □

4. Proof of the theorem

By Lemma 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_2(x, M) &= (-1)^r \sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} (-1)^{k+1} (-1)^{k+1} x_{k,e} \sum_{d \in \mathcal{T}_M} \Psi(|d|) \mu(d) g(\chi_d) |d|^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{a=1}^M \chi_d(a) \mathcal{L}_{k, \chi_e}(\zeta_M^a) \\ &= (-1)^r \sum_{a=1}^M \sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} x_{k,e} \mathcal{L}_{k, \chi_e}(\zeta_M^a) \sum_{d \in \mathcal{T}_M} \Psi(|d|) \mu(d) g(\chi_d) |d|^{-1} \chi_d(a) \\ &= (-1)^r \sum_{a=1}^M \left(\sum_{\substack{k \in K, \\ e \in \mathcal{T}_8}} x_{k,e} \mathcal{L}_{k, \chi_e}(\zeta_M^a) \right) \\ &\quad \times \left(\prod_{p|M} (1 - \Psi(p) g(\chi_{p^*}) |p|^{-1} \chi_{p^*}(a)) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $p^* = (-1)^{(p-1)/2} p$. Therefore it follows from Lemma 3 that the numbers $\Lambda_2(x, M)$ are 2-adic integers and since

$$\Psi(p) g(\chi_{p^*}) |p|^{-1} \chi_{p^*}(a) - 1 \equiv 1 + \zeta_p + \dots + \zeta_p^{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{2},$$

the theorem follows from Lemmas 5 and 6 easily. Here we have used the obvious identity $\text{ord}_2((m - 1)!) = m - 1 - s_2(m - 1) = m - s_2(m) - \text{ord}_2(m)$. □

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