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Congruences modulo powers of 2 for 2 and 3-regular cubic partition pair

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Abstract

Let $B_l(n)$ represents the l regular cubic partition pair. In this paper some infinite families of congruences and some Ramanujan-type congruence modulo 4 and 8 will be established for $B_2(n)$ and $B_3(n)$ such as

$$B_2 \left(2 \cdot p^{2\alpha+1} \cdot (pn + j) + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} + 1}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$B_3 \left(12 \cdot p^{2\alpha+1} \cdot (pn + u) + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} + 1}{2} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

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Introduction

A partition of a positive integer n is a non-increasing sequence of positive integer, known as parts, such that sum of the parts is n . It is denoted by $p(n)$ with $p(0) = 1$.

The generating function of $p(n)$ is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n)q^n = \frac{1}{(q; q)_{\infty}} = \frac{1}{f_1}$$

where for each complex number a, q with $|q| < 1$,

$$(a; q)_{\infty} = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^n)$$

and $f_k = (q^k; q^k)_{\infty}$

Ramanujan ^[1, 2] investigated the arithmetic characteristics of $p(n)$. He found the three congruences for all $n \geq 0$

$$p(5n + 4) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$p(7n + 5) \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$p(11n + 6) \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

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Chan in several paper ^[3, 4, 5] initially examined the cubic partition of a positive integer n . It is denoted by $a(n)$ and the generating function for $a(n)$ is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n = \frac{1}{f_1 f_2}$$

Motivated by Chan's work, Zhao and Zhong [6] explored cubic partition pairs, represented as $b(n)$, and the generating function is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b(n)q^n = \frac{1}{f_1^2 f_2^2}$$

For each positive integer $l > 1$, a partition is said to be l -regular if none of its part are divisible by l . It is denoted by $b_l(n)$ and the generating function for $b_l(n)$ is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_l(n)q^n = \frac{f_1}{f_l}$$

For example, $b_3(4) = 4$, given by $4, 2 + 2, 2 + 1 + 1, 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$

The l -regular cubic partition pair is denoted by $B_l(n)$ and the generating function of $B_l(n)$ is defined by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_l(n)q^n = \frac{f_1^2 f_{2l}^2}{f_l^2 f_2^2} \quad (1.1)$$

Naika & Nayaka [7], established several congruences for $B_l(n)$. Gireesh & Naika ^[8] also studied the arithmetic properties of $B_3(n)$ and $B_9(n)$ and proved several infinite families of congruences. Recently Wen ^[9] derived congruences modulo powers of 2 and 3 for $B_9(n)$.

Preliminaries.

In this section we will list some q series identities and some 2-dissection and 3-dissection formulas which we will require to establish our result.

Ramanujan's general theta function [10, p.34, Equation 18.1] is defined by

$$f(a, b) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}, \quad |ab| < 1$$

Using Jacobi's Triple product identity [10, p.35, Entry 19], $f(a, b)$ can be expressed as

$$f(a, b) = (-a; ab)_{\infty} (-b; ab)_{\infty} (ab; ab)_{\infty}$$

Three special cases of $f(a, b)$ are [10, p.36, Entry 22]

$$\phi(q) = f(q, q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{k^2} = \frac{f_2^5}{f_1^2 f_4^2}$$

$$\psi(q) = f(q, q^3) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{k(k+1)}{2}} = \frac{f_2^2}{f_1^2}$$

$$f(-q) = f(-q, -q^2) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{\frac{k(3k+1)}{2}} = f_1$$

Lemma 2.1 The following 2-dissections hold

$$\frac{1}{f_1^2} = \frac{f_8^5}{f_2^5 f_{16}^2} + 2q \frac{f_4^2 f_{16}^2}{f_2^5 f_8} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\frac{f_3^2}{f_1^2} = \frac{f_4^4 f_6 f_{12}^2}{f_2^5 f_8 f_{24}} + 2q \frac{f_4 f_6^2 f_8 f_{24}}{f_2^4 f_{12}} \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. The proof of the identity (2.1) can be found in [11, Eq. (1.9.4)] and that of the identity (2.2) in [11, Eq. (30.10.4)]

Lemma 2.2 We have, the following 3-dissection

$$\frac{f_4}{f_1} = \frac{f_{12} f_{18}^4}{f_3^3 f_{36}^2} + q \frac{f_6^2 f_9^3 f_{36}}{f_3^4 f_{18}^2} + 2q^2 \frac{f_6 f_{18} f_{36}}{f_3^3} \quad (2.3)$$

Proof. The identity (2.3) is the Lemma 2.6 in [12].

Lemma 2.3 For any odd prime p , we have

$$\psi(q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{k^2+k}{2}} f\left(q^{\frac{p^2+(2k+1)p}{2}}, q^{\frac{p^2-(2k+1)p}{2}}\right) + q^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}} \psi(q^{p^2})$$

Moreover, for, $0 \leq k \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$

$$\frac{k^2+k}{2} \not\equiv \frac{p^2-1}{8} \pmod{8}$$

Proof. Proof of the Lemma2.3 can be found in [13, Theorem 2.1]

Lemma 2.4 For any prime $p \geq 5$, we have

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

$$\frac{\pm p-1}{6} = \begin{cases} \frac{p-1}{6} & p \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ -\frac{(p-1)}{6} & p \equiv -1 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

Where,

Furthermore, if $\frac{-(p-1)}{2} \leq k \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$ and $k \neq \frac{\pm p-1}{6}$,

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

Proof. Proof of the Lemma2.4 can be found in [13, Theorem 2.2]

Lemma 2.5. For all primes p and all $k, m, j \geq 1$, we have

$$f_{pm}^{p^{(k-1)j}} \equiv f_m^{p^k j} \pmod{p^k}$$

In particular the following congruences will be used frequently, so we may omit to refer this lemma in many occasions.

$$f_m^2 \equiv f_{2m} \pmod{2}$$

$$f_m^4 \equiv f_{2m}^2 \pmod{4}$$

$$f_m^8 \equiv f_{2m}^4 \pmod{8}$$

$$f_m^{p^k} \equiv f_{pm}^{p^{k-1}} \pmod{p^k}$$

Main Results.**3.1. Congruences for $B_2(n)$**

Theorem. 3.1.1. Let p be a prime such that $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = -1$ and $1 \leq j \leq p-1$. Then for all integers $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2 \left(2 \cdot p^{2\alpha} \cdot n + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha} + 1}{4} \right) q^n \equiv 2 \psi(q) \psi(q^4) \pmod{8} \quad (3.1)$$

$$B_2 \left(2 \cdot p^{2\alpha+1} \cdot (pn + j) + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} + 1}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{8} \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. Setting $l = 2$ in (1.1), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2(n) q^n = \frac{f_2^2 f_4^2}{f_1^2 f_2^2} = \frac{f_4^2}{f_1^2} \quad (3.3)$$

Employing (2.1) in (3.3), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2(n) q^n = f_4^2 \left(\frac{f_8^5}{f_2^5 f_{16}^2} + 2q \frac{f_4^2 f_{16}^2}{f_2^5 f_8} \right) \quad (3.4)$$

Extracting the terms that include q^{2n+1} from both sides (3.4), dividing both sides by q and then replacing q^2 by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2(2n+1) q^n = \frac{2f_2^4 f_8^2}{f_1^5 f_4}$$

using Lemma.2.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2(2n+1) q^n &= 2 \frac{f_2^4 f_8^2}{f_1^5 f_4} \\ &\equiv 2 f_1^3 f_4^3 \pmod{8} \\ &\equiv 2 \psi(q) \psi(q^4) \pmod{8} \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

(3.5) is the $\alpha = 0$ case of (3.1). Assume (3.1) is true some integer $\alpha \geq 0$. Employing Lemma.2.3 in (3.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2 \left(2 \cdot p^{2\alpha} \cdot n + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha} + 1}{4} \right) q^n &\equiv 2 \left[\sum_{x=0}^{\frac{p-3}{2}} q^{\frac{x^2+x}{2}} f \left(q^{\frac{p^2+(2x+1)p}{2}}, q^{\frac{p^2-(2x+1)p}{2}} \right) q^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}} \psi(q^{p^2}) \right] \\ &\left[\sum_{y=0}^{\frac{p-3}{2}} q^{2(y^2+y)} f \left(q^{2(p^2+(2y+1)p)}, q^{2(p^2-(2y+1)p)} \right) + q^{\frac{p^2-1}{2}} \psi(q^{4p^2}) \right] \pmod{8} \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Consider the congruence

$$\frac{x^2+x}{2} + 2(y^2+y) \equiv \frac{3(p^2-1)}{8} \pmod{p}$$

which is equivalent to

$$(2x + 1)^2 + 2(2y + 1)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

Since $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = 1$, the above congruence has only the solution $x = y = \frac{p-1}{2}$. Extracting the terms that include $q^{pn + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{8}}$ from both sides of (3.6), dividing both sides by $q^{\frac{3(p^2-1)}{8}}$ and then replacing q^p by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2 \left(2 \cdot p^{2\alpha} \cdot \left(pn + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{8} \right) + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha} + 1}{4} \right) q^n \equiv 2 \psi(q^p) \psi(q^{4p}) \pmod{8}$$

which yields

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2 \left(2 \cdot p^{2\alpha+1} \cdot n + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} + 1}{4} \right) q^n \equiv 2 \psi(q^p) \psi(q^{4p}) \pmod{8} \quad (3.7)$$

Similarly, extracting the terms that include q^{pn} from both sides (3.7) and replacing q^p by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2 \left(2 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} \cdot n + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} + 1}{4} \right) q^n \equiv 2 \psi(q) \psi(q^4) \pmod{8}$$

Above congruence is the $\alpha + 1$ case of (3.1). Thus, by induction, (3.1) is true for all integer $\alpha \geq 0$.

Finally, extracting the terms that include q^{pn+j} , $1 \leq j \leq p-1$, from both sides of (3.7), we obtain (3.2).

Theorem. 3.1.2 *For all integer $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$ we have*

$$B_2(18n + 8) \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad (3.8)$$

$$B_2(18n + 14) \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad (3.9)$$

$$B_2 \left(2 \cdot 3^{2\alpha+2} \cdot n + \frac{3^{2\alpha+2} - 1}{4} \right) \equiv B_2(2n) \pmod{4} \quad (3.10)$$

Proof. Extracting the terms that include q^{2n} from (3.4) and thanks to Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2(2n) q^n = \frac{f_2^2 f_4^5}{f_1^5 f_8^2} \equiv \frac{f_4}{f_1} \pmod{4} \quad (3.11)$$

Utilizing (2.3), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2(2n) q^n \equiv \left(\frac{f_{12} f_{18}^4}{f_3^3 f_{36}^2} + q \frac{f_6^2 f_9^3 f_{36}}{f_3^4 f_{18}^2} + 2q^2 \frac{f_6 f_{18} f_{36}}{f_3^3} \right) \pmod{4} \quad (3.12)$$

Extracting the terms that include q^{3n+1} from (3.12), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2(6n + 2) q^n \equiv \frac{f_2^2 f_3^3 f_{12}}{f_1^4 f_6^2} \pmod{4} \equiv \frac{f_3^3 f_{12}}{f_6^2} \pmod{4} \quad (3.13)$$

Extracting the terms that include q^{3n+1} , q^{3n+2} from (3.13), we obtain (3.8) and (3.9). Similarly, extracting the terms that include q^{3n} from (3.13), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_2(18n + 2) q^n \equiv \frac{f_1^3 f_4}{f_2^2} \equiv \frac{f_4}{f_1} \pmod{4} \quad (3.14)$$

From (3.11) and (3.14), we have (3.10) for $\alpha = 0$. Thus (3.10) holds for $\alpha = 0$. Applying induction on α , we obtain (3.10) for all integer $\alpha \geq 0$.

3.2 Congruence modulo 4 for $B_3(n)$

Theorem.3.2.1 Suppose p is any prime with $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = -1$ and $1 \leq u \leq p-1$, then for all integer $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha \geq 0$, we have

$$B_3(4n+3) \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad (3.15)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3\left(12 \cdot p^{2\alpha} \cdot n + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha} + 1}{2}\right) q^n \equiv 2f_1 f_2 \pmod{4} \quad (3.16)$$

$$B_3\left(12 \cdot p^{2\alpha+1} \cdot (pn+u) + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} + 1}{2}\right) \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad (3.17)$$

Proof. Setting $l = 3$ in (1.1), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(n) q^n = \frac{f_3^2 f_6^2}{f_1^2 f_2^2} \quad (3.18)$$

Using (2.2) in (3.18), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(n) q^n = \frac{f_6^2}{f_2^2} \left(\frac{f_4^4 f_6 f_{12}^2}{f_2^5 f_8 f_{24}} + 2q \frac{f_4 f_6^2 f_8 f_{24}}{f_2^4 f_{12}} \right) \quad (3.19)$$

Extracting the terms that include the odd power of q from (3.19), dividing by q and then replacing q^2 by q , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(2n+1) q^n = 2 \frac{f_2 f_3^4 f_4 f_{12}}{f_1^6 f_6} = 2 \frac{f_2 f_4 f_{12}}{f_6} \left(\frac{f_3^2}{f_1^2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{f_1^2} \right)$$

Employing (2.1) and (2.2), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(2n+1) q^n = \frac{2f_2 f_4 f_{12}}{f_6} \left(\frac{f_4^4 f_6 f_{12}^2}{f_2^5 f_8 f_{24}} + 2q \frac{f_4 f_6^2 f_8 f_{24}}{f_2^4 f_{12}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{f_8^5}{f_2^5 f_{16}} + 2q \frac{f_4^2 f_{16}^2}{f_2^5 f_8} \right) \quad (3.20)$$

From (3.20) we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(2n+1) q^n = 2 \frac{f_4^9 f_{12}^5 f_6 f_8^3}{f_2^{14} f_{24}^2 f_{16}^2} \pmod{4} \quad (3.20)$$

Extracting those terms with odd power of q , we get (3.15).

Extracting those terms with even power of q , and then replacing q^2 by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(4n+1) q^n = 2 \frac{f_2^9 f_6^5 f_3 f_4^3}{f_1^{14} f_{12}^2 f_8^2} \equiv 2 f_3 f_6 \pmod{4} \quad (3.21)$$

Extracting those terms with power of q which are multiple of 3, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(12n+1) q^n \equiv 2 f_1 f_2 \pmod{4} \quad (3.22)$$

(3.22) is the $\alpha = 0$ case of (3.16). Assume (3.22) is true for some $\alpha \geq 0$. Employing Lemma 2.4 in (3.22), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3 \left(12 \cdot p^{2\alpha} \cdot n + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha} + 1}{2} \right) q^n \\ \equiv 2 \left[\sum_{\substack{k=-\frac{p-1}{2} \\ k \neq \pm \frac{p-1}{6}}}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (-1)^k q^{\frac{3k^2+k}{2}} f \left(-q^{\frac{3p^2+(6k+1)p}{2}}, -q^{\frac{3p^2-(6k+1)p}{2}} \right) \right. \\ \left. + (-1)^{\frac{\pm p-1}{6}} q^{\frac{p^2-1}{24}} f_{p^2} \right] X \left[\sum_{\substack{m=-\frac{p-1}{2} \\ m \neq \pm \frac{p-1}{6}}}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (-1)^m q^{3m^2+m} f \left(-q^{3p^2+(6m+1)p}, -q^{3p^2-(6m+1)p} \right) \right. \\ \left. + (-1)^{\frac{\pm p-1}{6}} q^{\frac{p^2-1}{12}} f_{2p^2} \right] \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

(3.23)

Consider the congruence

$$\frac{3k^2 + k}{2} + (3m^2 + m) \equiv \frac{p^2 - 1}{8} \pmod{p}$$

Which is equivalent to

$$(6k + 1)^2 + 2(6m + 1)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

Since $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = -1$, the last congruence has only the solution $k = m = \left(\frac{\pm p-1}{6}\right)$. Hence, extracting, the terms that include $q^{pn + \frac{p^2-1}{8}}$ from (3.23), dividing by $q^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$ and then replacing q^p by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3 \left(12 \cdot p^{2\alpha+1} \cdot n + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} + 1}{2} \right) q^n \equiv 2 f_p f_{2p} \pmod{4} \quad (3.24)$$

Extracting the terms that include q^{pn} , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3 \left(12 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} \cdot n + \frac{3 \cdot p^{2\alpha+2} + 1}{2} \right) q^n \equiv 2 f_1 f_2 \pmod{4}$$

Thus (3.16) is true for $\alpha + 1$. Therefore, by induction that (3.16) always holds.

Finally extracting the terms that include q^{pn+u} , $1 \leq u \leq p-1$, from (3.24) we obtain (3.17).

Corollary. 3.2.2. For all integer $n \geq 0$, we have

$$B_3(12n + 5) \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad (3.25)$$

$$B_3(12n + 9) \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \quad (3.26)$$

Proof. Collecting the terms that include powers of q that are 1 modulo 3 and 2 modulo 3 from (3.21), we obtain (3.25) and (3.26).

Theorem 3.2.3 Suppose p is a prime with $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = -1$ and w any integer with $1 \leq w \leq p-1$, then for each integer $n \geq 0$ and $\gamma \geq 0$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3 \left(4 \cdot p^{2\gamma} \cdot n + \frac{7 \cdot p^{2\gamma} - 1}{2} \right) q^n \equiv 4 \psi(q^3) \psi(q^4) \pmod{8} \quad (3.27)$$

$$B_3 \left(4 \cdot p^{2\gamma+1} \cdot (pn + w) + \frac{7 \cdot p^{2\gamma+2} - 1}{2} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{8} \quad (3.28)$$

Proof. From (3.20), extracting the terms that include q^{2n+1} and replacing q^2 by q , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(4n+3)q^n \equiv 4 \frac{f_2^{11} f_3 f_6^5 f_8^2}{f_1^{14} f_4^3 f_{12}^2} \pmod{8} \quad (3.29)$$

Thanks to Lemma 2.5, we have from (3.29)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3(4n+3)q^n \equiv 4 f_3^3 f_4^3 \equiv 4 \psi(q^3) \psi(q^4) \pmod{8} \quad (3.30)$$

which is the $\gamma = 0$ case of (3.27). Assume (3.27) holds for $\gamma \geq 0$. Employing Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3 \left(4 \cdot p^{2\gamma} \cdot n + \frac{7 \cdot p^{2\gamma} - 1}{2} \right) q^n \\ \equiv 4 \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{3(k^2+k)}{2}} f \left(q^{\frac{3(p^2+(2k+1)p)}{2}}, q^{\frac{3(p^2-(2k+1)p)}{2}} \right) q^{\frac{3(p^2-1)}{8}} \psi(q^{3p^2}) \right] X \\ \left[\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{2(m^2+m)} f \left(q^{2(p^2+(2m+1)p)}, q^{2(p^2-(2m+1)p)} \right) + q^{\frac{p^2-1}{2}} \psi(q^{4p^2}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

(3.31)

Consider the congruence

$$\frac{3(k^2+k)}{2} + 2(m^2+m) \equiv \frac{7(p^2-1)}{8} \pmod{p}$$

which is equivalent to

$$(4k+2)^2 + 3(2m+1)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

For $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = -1$, the above congruence has only the solution $k = m = \frac{p-1}{2}$. So, extracting the terms that include $q^{pn + \frac{7(p^2-1)}{8}}$ from (3.31), dividing both sides by $q^{\frac{7(p^2-1)}{8}}$ and then replacing q^p by q , we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3 \left(4 \cdot p^{2\gamma+1} \cdot n + \frac{7 \cdot p^{2\gamma+2} - 1}{2} \right) q^n \equiv 4 \psi(q^{3p}) \psi(q^{4p}) \pmod{8} \quad (3.32)$$

Extracting the terms including q^{pn} from (3.32) and replacing q^p by q , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_3 \left(4 \cdot p^{2\gamma+2} \cdot n + \frac{7 \cdot p^{2\gamma+2} - 1}{2} \right) q^n \equiv 4 \psi(q^3) \psi(q^4) \pmod{8}$$

which is the $\gamma+1$ case of (3.27). Hence, by induction on γ , (3.27) always holds.

Also, extracting the terms that include q^{pn+w} , $1 \leq w \leq p-1$ from (3.32), we arrive at (3.28).

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