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Abstract. The notion of broken k -diamond partitions was introduced by Andrews and Paule. Let $\Delta_k(n)$ denote the number of broken k -diamond partitions of n for a fixed positive integer k . Recently, Chan, and Paule and Radu proved some congruences modulo 5 for $\Delta_2(n)$. In this paper, we prove several new infinite families of congruences modulo 5 for $\Delta_2(n)$ by using an identity due to Newman. Our results generalize the congruences proved by Paule and Radu.

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1 Introduction

The aim of this paper is to prove several new infinite families of congruences modulo 5 for broken 2-diamond partitions, which generalize some congruence results due to Paule and Radu [12].

Let us begin with some notation and terminology on q -series and partitions. We use the standard notation

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

and often write

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n; q)_\infty = (a_1; q)_\infty (a_2; q)_\infty \cdots (a_n; q)_\infty.$$

Recall that the Ramanujan theta function $f(a, b)$ is defined by

$$f(a, b) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2}, \quad (1.1)$$

where $|ab| < 1$. The Jacobi triple product identity can be restated as

$$f(a, b) = (-a, -b, ab; ab)_\infty. \quad (1.2)$$

One special case of (1.1) is defined by

$$\psi(q) = f(q, q^3) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}. \quad (1.3)$$

By (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3),

$$\psi(q) = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty^2}{(q; q)_\infty}. \quad (1.4)$$

A combinatorial study guided by MacMahon's Partition Analysis led Andrews and Paule [2] to the construction of a new class of directed graphs called broken k -diamond partitions. Let $\Delta_k(n)$ denote the number of broken k -diamond partitions of n for a fixed positive integer k . Andrews and Paule [2] established the following generating function of $\Delta_k(n)$:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta_k(n) q^n = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^{2k+1}; q^{2k+1})_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty^3 (q^{4k+2}; q^{4k+2})_\infty}. \quad (1.5)$$

Employing generating function manipulations, Andrews and Paule [2] proved that for all integers $n \geq 0$,

$$\Delta_1(2n+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

Since then, a number of congruences satisfied by $\Delta_k(n)$ for small values of k have been proved. See, for example, Chan [4], Chen, Fan and Yu [5], Hirschhorn and Sellers [7], Lin [8], Lin and Wang [9], Paule and Radu [12], Radu and Sellers [13, 14, 15], Xia [17, 18] and Yao [20].

In 2008, Chan [4] proved that for $n, k \geq 0$,

$$\Delta_2(10n+2) \equiv \Delta_2(10n+6) \equiv 0 \pmod{2},$$

and

$$\Delta_2\left(5^{k+1}(5n+\omega) + \frac{3 \times 5^{k+1} + 1}{4}\right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, \quad (1.6)$$

where $\omega \in \{2, 4\}$. Congruences $\Delta_2(10n+2) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and $\Delta_2(25n+14) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ were conjectured by Andrews and Paule [2] and proved by Chan [4]. In 2010, Paule and Radu [12] proved several infinite families of congruences modulo 5 for $\Delta_2(n)$. They proved that for $k \geq 0$,

$$\Delta_2\left(\frac{15 \times 29^k + 1}{4}\right) \equiv 1 + k \pmod{5} \quad (1.7)$$

and if $p \nmid (4n+3)$, then

$$\Delta_2\left(5pn + \frac{15p+1}{4}\right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, \quad (1.8)$$

where p is a prime with $p \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$.

In this paper, we prove many new infinite families of congruences modulo 5 for $\Delta_2(n)$ by using an identity of Newman [11] and several theta function identities. Our results generalize congruences proved by Paule and Radu [12].

The following theorem states three non-standard infinite families of congruences modulo 5 for $\Delta_2(n)$.

Theorem 1.1 *If p is a prime with $p \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{20}$, then for $k \geq 0$,*

$$\Delta_2 \left(\frac{15p^k + 1}{4} \right) \equiv 1 + k \pmod{5}. \quad (1.9)$$

If p is a prime with $p \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$, then for $k \geq 0$,

$$\Delta_2 \left(\frac{15p^{2k} + 1}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, \quad (1.10)$$

and

$$\Delta_2 \left(\frac{15p^{2k+1} + 1}{4} \right) \equiv 1 \pmod{5}. \quad (1.11)$$

It should be noted that if we set $p = 29$ in (1.9), we obtain (1.7). Therefore, (1.9) is a generalization of (1.7).

In order to state the following theorem, we introduce the Legendre symbol. Let $p \geq 3$ be a prime. The Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{a}{p} \right)$ is defined by

$$\left(\frac{a}{p} \right) := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } a \text{ is a quadratic residue modulo } p \text{ and } p \nmid a, \\ -1, & \text{if } a \text{ is a quadratic nonresidue modulo } p, \\ 0, & \text{if } p \mid a. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1.2 *Let α, β, ν be nonnegative integers and let $p_1, \dots, p_\alpha, p_{\alpha+1}, q_1, \dots, q_\beta, r_1, \dots, r_\nu, r_{\nu+1}$ be primes with $p_i \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$, $q_j \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{20}$ and $\left(\frac{-5}{r_s} \right) = -1$ for $1 \leq i \leq \alpha + 1$, $1 \leq j \leq \beta$ and $1 \leq s \leq \nu + 1$. Define*

$$A = 5^k p_1^2 p_2^2 \cdots p_\alpha^2 q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 r_1^2 r_2^2 \cdots r_\nu^2. \quad (1.12)$$

If $p_{\alpha+1} \nmid (4n + 3)$, then

$$\Delta_2 \left(5Ap_{\alpha+1}n + \frac{15Ap_{\alpha+1} + 1}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (1.13)$$

If $r_{\nu+1} \nmid n$, then

$$\Delta_2 \left(5Ar_{\nu+1}n + \frac{15Ar_{\nu+1}^2 + 1}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (1.14)$$

Remark. If we set $\alpha = \beta = \nu = k = 0$ in (1.13), we obtain (1.8). From Theorem 1.2, we can obtain many new congruences modulo 5 for $\Delta_2(n)$. For example, setting $k = \beta = \nu = 0$, $\alpha = 1$ and $p_1 = p_2 = 13$, we deduce that if $13 \nmid (4n + 3)$, then

$$\Delta_2(10985n + 8239) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (1.15)$$

If we set $p = 13$ in (1.8), we find that if $13 \nmid (4n + 3)$, then

$$\Delta_2(65n + 49) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (1.16)$$

It should be noted that we can not replace n by $169n + 126$ in (1.16) to get (1.15) since $13 \mid (4(169n + 126) + 3)$. Therefore, Congruence (1.16) does not imply (1.15).

2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

In order to prove Theorem 1.1, we first prove two lemmas.

Lemma 2.1 For $n \geq 0$,

$$\Delta_2(5n+4) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}, \quad (2.1)$$

where $t_6(n)$ is the number of representations of n as a sum of six triangular numbers.

Proof. Setting $n = 2$ in (1.5), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta_2(n) q^n = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty} (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}}{(q; q)_{\infty}^3 (q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}}. \quad (2.2)$$

By the binomial theorem,

$$(q; q)_{\infty}^5 \equiv (q^5; q^5)_{\infty} \pmod{5}. \quad (2.3)$$

Thanks to (2.2) and (2.3),

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta_2(n) q^n \equiv \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}^2}{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^4} \pmod{5}. \quad (2.4)$$

It follows from [3, Entry 10 (iv), p. 262] that

$$\frac{(q; q)_{\infty}^4}{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2} = \frac{(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}^4}{(q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^2} - 4q \frac{(q; q)_{\infty} (q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^3}{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty} (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}}. \quad (2.5)$$

By (2.3) and (2.5),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}^2}{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^4} &= \frac{1}{(q; q)_{\infty}^2 (q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2} \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}^4}{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q; q)_{\infty}^2 (q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2} \left(\frac{(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}^4}{(q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^2} - 4q \frac{(q; q)_{\infty} (q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^3}{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty} (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \right) \\ &= \frac{(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}^4}{(q; q)_{\infty}^2 (q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2 (q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^2} - 4q \frac{(q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^3}{(q; q)_{\infty} (q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^3 (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \\ &\equiv \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}^3 (q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^3 (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}^3}{(q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^3} - 4q \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2 (q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^2}{(q; q)_{\infty} (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \pmod{5}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

In view of (2.4) and (2.6),

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta_2(n) q^n \equiv \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}^3 (q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^3 (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}^3}{(q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^3} - 4q \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2 (q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^2}{(q; q)_{\infty} (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \pmod{5}. \quad (2.7)$$

We have the well-known result of Jacobi [1, p.176] which states that

$$(q; q)_\infty^3 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (2n+1) q^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}. \quad (2.8)$$

By (2.8), it is trivial to check that

$$(q; q)_\infty^3 \equiv (q^{10}, q^{15}, q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty - 3q(q^5, q^{20}, q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty \pmod{5}. \quad (2.9)$$

From [3, Corollary (ii), p. 49],

$$\frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty^2}{(q; q)_\infty} = (-q^{10}, -q^{15}, q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty + q(-q^5, -q^{20}, q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty + q^3 \frac{(q^{50}; q^{50})_\infty^2}{(q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty}. \quad (2.10)$$

Substituting (2.9) and (2.10) into (2.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta_2(n) q^n &\equiv \frac{(q^5; q^5)_\infty^3}{(q^{10}; q^{10})_\infty^3} ((q^{10}, q^{15}, q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty - 3q(q^5, q^{20}, q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty) \\ &\quad \times ((q^{20}, q^{30}, q^{50}; q^{50})_\infty - 3q^2(q^{10}, q^{40}, q^{50}; q^{50})_\infty) \\ &\quad - 4q \frac{(q^{10}; q^{10})_\infty^2}{(q^5; q^5)_\infty} \left((-q^{10}, -q^{15}, q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty + q(-q^5, -q^{20}, q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty \right. \\ &\quad \left. + q^3 \frac{(q^{50}; q^{50})_\infty^2}{(q^{25}; q^{25})_\infty} \right) \pmod{5}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

If we extract the terms of the form q^{5n+4} in both sides of (2.11), divide by q^4 , replace q^5 by q and then apply (2.3), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Delta_2(5n+4) q^n \equiv \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^{10}; q^{10})_\infty^2}{(q; q)_\infty (q^5; q^5)_\infty} \equiv \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty^{12}}{(q; q)_\infty^6} \pmod{5}. \quad (2.12)$$

By (1.3) and (1.4), the generating function of $t_6(n)$ is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_6(n) q^n = \psi^6(q) = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty^{12}}{(q; q)_\infty^6}. \quad (2.13)$$

Congruence (2.1) follows from (2.12) and (2.13). This completes the proof of this lemma.

Lemma 2.2 For $n, k \geq 0$,

$$t_6 \left(p^k n + \frac{3(p^k - 1)}{4} \right) = \frac{p^{2k} - 1}{p^2 - 1} t_6 \left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4} \right) + \frac{p^2 - p^{2k}}{p^2 - 1} t_6(n), \quad (2.14)$$

where p is a prime with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

Proof. Newman [11] proved that for $n \geq 0$,

$$t_6\left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) = t_6\left(\frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) t_6(n) - p^2 t_6\left(\frac{n}{p} - \frac{3(p-1)}{4p}\right), \quad (2.15)$$

where p is a prime with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. The following formula for $t_6(n)$ was proved by Liu [10] by using an identity of Ramanujan:

$$t_6(n) = \frac{1}{8} \left(\sum_{d|(4n+3), d \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, d > 0} d^2 - \sum_{d|(4n+3), d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, d > 0} d^2 \right). \quad (2.16)$$

By (2.16),

$$t_6\left(\frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) = (1 + p^2). \quad (2.17)$$

Replacing n by $pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}$ in (2.15) and utilizing (2.17), we obtain

$$t_6\left(p^2n + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{4}\right) = (1 + p^2) t_6\left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) - p^2 t_6(n). \quad (2.18)$$

Now, we are ready to prove Lemma 2.2 by induction.

It is easy to check that (2.14) is true when $k = 0$ and $k = 1$. Assume that (2.14) holds when $k = m$ and $k = m + 1$ ($m \geq 0$), that is,

$$t_6\left(p^m n + \frac{3(p^m-1)}{4}\right) = \frac{p^{2m}-1}{p^2-1} t_6\left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) + \frac{p^2-p^{2m}}{p^2-1} t_6(n) \quad (2.19)$$

and

$$t_6\left(p^{m+1}n + \frac{3(p^{m+1}-1)}{4}\right) = \frac{p^{2m+2}-1}{p^2-1} t_6\left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) + \frac{p^2-p^{2m+2}}{p^2-1} t_6(n) \quad (2.20)$$

Replacing n by $p^m n + \frac{3(p^m-1)}{4}$ in (2.18) and employing (2.19) and (2.20), we have

$$\begin{aligned} t_6\left(p^{m+2}n + \frac{3(p^{m+2}-1)}{4}\right) &= (1 + p^2) t_6\left(p^{m+1}n + \frac{3(p^{m+1}-1)}{4}\right) - p^2 t_6\left(p^m n + \frac{3(p^m-1)}{4}\right) \\ &= (1 + p^2) \left(\frac{p^{2m+2}-1}{p^2-1} t_6\left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) + \frac{p^2-p^{2m+2}}{p^2-1} t_6(n) \right) \\ &\quad - p^2 \left(\frac{p^{2m}-1}{p^2-1} t_6\left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) + \frac{p^2-p^{2m}}{p^2-1} t_6(n) \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{(1+p^2)(p^{2m+2}-1)}{p^2-1} - \frac{p^2(p^{2m}-1)}{p^2-1} \right) t_6\left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{(1+p^2)(p^2-p^{2m+2})}{p^2-1} - \frac{p^2(p^2-p^{2m})}{p^2-1} \right) t_6(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{p^{2m+4} - 1}{p^2 - 1} t_6 \left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4} \right) + \frac{p^2 - p^{2m+4}}{p^2 - 1} t_6(n),$$

which implies that (2.14) is true when $k = m + 2$ and this lemma is proved by induction.

Now, we turn to prove Theorem 1.1.

Setting $n = 0$ in (2.14) and employing (2.17), we find that for $k \geq 0$,

$$t_6 \left(\frac{3(p^k - 1)}{4} \right) = \frac{p^{2k} - 1}{p^2 - 1} (1 + p^2) + \frac{p^2 - p^{2k}}{p^2 - 1} = \frac{p^{2k+2} - 1}{p^2 - 1}. \quad (2.21)$$

If p is a prime with $p \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{20}$, then for $k \geq 0$,

$$\frac{p^{2k+2} - 1}{p^2 - 1} \equiv 1 + k \pmod{5} \quad (2.22)$$

If p is a prime with $p \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$, then for $k \geq 0$,

$$\frac{p^{4k+4} - 1}{p^2 - 1} \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \quad (2.23)$$

and

$$\frac{p^{4k+2} - 1}{p^2 - 1} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}. \quad (2.24)$$

In view of (2.21), (2.22), (2.23) and (2.24), we deduce that if p is a prime with $p \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{20}$, then for $k \geq 0$,

$$t_6 \left(\frac{3(p^k - 1)}{4} \right) \equiv 1 + k \pmod{5}, \quad (2.25)$$

and if p is a prime with $p \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$, then for $k \geq 0$,

$$t_6 \left(\frac{3(p^{2k+1} - 1)}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \quad (2.26)$$

and

$$t_6 \left(\frac{3(p^{2k} - 1)}{4} \right) \equiv 1 \pmod{5}. \quad (2.27)$$

Replacing n by $\frac{3(p^k - 1)}{4}$ in (2.1) and utilizing (2.25), we get (1.9). Similarly, Congruences (1.10) and (1.11) follow from (2.1), (2.26) and (2.27). The proof is complete.

3 Proof of Theorem 1.2

In order to prove Theorem 1.2, we first prove some lemmas.

Lemma 3.1 *If p is a prime with $p \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$ and $p \nmid (4n+3)$, then*

$$t_6 \left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (3.1)$$

If p is a prime with $p \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$, then

$$t_6 \left(p^2 n + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{4} \right) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}. \quad (3.2)$$

If p is a prime with $p \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{20}$, then

$$t_6 \left(p^5 n + \frac{3(p^5-1)}{4} \right) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}. \quad (3.3)$$

Proof. If p is a prime with $p \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$, then $1 + p^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$. By (2.17), we can rewrite (2.15) as

$$t_6 \left(pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4} \right) \equiv t_6 \left(\frac{n}{p} - \frac{3(p-1)}{4p} \right) \pmod{5}. \quad (3.4)$$

Therefore, if $p \nmid (4n+3)$, then $\frac{n}{p} - \frac{3(p-1)}{4p}$ is not an integer and

$$t_6 \left(\frac{n}{p} - \frac{3(p-1)}{4p} \right) = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

Congruence (3.1) follows from (3.4) and (3.5).

Replacing n by $pn + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}$ in (3.4), we obtain (3.2).

If p is a prime with $p \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{20}$, then

$$\frac{p^{10}-1}{p^2-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$\frac{p^2-p^{10}}{p^2-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}. \quad (3.7)$$

Setting $k=5$ in (2.14) and using (3.6) and (3.7), we get (3.3). This completes the proof of this lemma.

Lemma 3.2 *Let $p \geq 3$ be a prime with $\left(\frac{-5}{p}\right) = -1$. For $n \geq 0$,*

$$t_6 \left(p^2 n + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{4} \right) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}. \quad (3.8)$$

If $p \nmid n$,

$$t_6 \left(pn + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (3.9)$$

Proof. Let $a(n)$ be defined by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2 (q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^2}{(q; q)_{\infty} (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}}. \quad (3.10)$$

By (2.3) and (2.13),

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_6(n)q^n \equiv \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2 (q^{10}; q^{10})_{\infty}^2}{(q; q)_{\infty} (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \pmod{5}. \quad (3.11)$$

It follows from (3.10) and (3.11) that for $n \geq 0$,

$$t_6(n) \equiv a(n) \pmod{5}. \quad (3.12)$$

Based on (1.3), (1.4) and (3.10),

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 5\frac{m(m+1)}{2}},$$

which yields

$$a(n) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k, m < +\infty, \\ \frac{k^2+k}{2} + 5\frac{m^2+m}{2} = n}} 1 = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k, m < +\infty, \\ (2k+1)^2 + 5(2m+1)^2 = 8n+6}} 1. \quad (3.13)$$

Replacing n by $pn + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{4}$ in (3.13), we get

$$a\left(pn + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{4}\right) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k, m < +\infty, \\ (2k+1)^2 + 5(2m+1)^2 = 8pn+6p^2}} 1. \quad (3.14)$$

Note that Identity $(2k+1)^2 + 5(2m+1)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ implies $2k+1 \equiv 2m+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ since $p \geq 3$ is a prime and $\left(\frac{-5}{p}\right) = -1$. Setting $2k+1 = p(2k'+1)$ and $2m+1 = p(2m'+1)$ with $k', m' \geq 0$ in (3.14), we get

$$\begin{aligned} a\left(pn + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{4}\right) &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k', m' < +\infty, \\ p^2(2k'+1)^2 + 5p^2(2m'+1)^2 = 8pn+6p^2}} 1 \\ &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k', m' < +\infty, \\ (2k'+1)^2 + 5(2m'+1)^2 = 8n/p+6}} 1 \\ &= a(n/p). \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

Replacing n by pn in (3.15), we have

$$a\left(p^2n + \frac{3(p^2-1)}{4}\right) = a(n). \quad (3.16)$$

Congruence (3.8) follows from (3.12) and (3.16). If $p \nmid n$, then $a(n/p) = 0$ and

$$a\left(pn + \frac{3(p^2 - 1)}{4}\right) = 0,$$

which yields (3.9) after using (3.12). The proof of this lemma is complete.

Now, we turn to prove Theorem 1.2.

Let α, β be nonnegative integers and let $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_\alpha, p_{\alpha+1}, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_\beta$ be primes with $p_i \equiv 13, 17 \pmod{20}$ and $q_j \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{20}$ for $1 \leq i \leq \alpha + 1$ and $1 \leq j \leq \beta$. Congruences (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) imply that for $n \geq 0$,

$$t_6\left(p_1^2 p_2^2 \cdots p_\alpha^2 n + \frac{3(p_1^2 p_2^2 \cdots p_\alpha^2 - 1)}{4}\right) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}, \quad (3.17)$$

$$t_6\left(q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 n + \frac{3(q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 - 1)}{4}\right) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}, \quad (3.18)$$

and if $p_{\alpha+1} \nmid (4n + 3)$, then

$$t_6\left(p_{\alpha+1} n + \frac{3(p_{\alpha+1} - 1)}{4}\right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (3.19)$$

Replacing n by $q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 n + \frac{3(q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 - 1)}{4}$ in (3.17) and using (3.18), we have

$$t_6\left(p_1^2 p_2^2 \cdots p_\alpha^2 q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 n + \frac{3(p_1^2 p_2^2 \cdots p_\alpha^2 q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 - 1)}{4}\right) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}. \quad (3.20)$$

Let ν be a nonnegative integer and let $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_\nu, r_{\nu+1}$ be primes with $\left(\frac{-5}{r_s}\right) = -1$ for $1 \leq s \leq \nu + 1$. Congruences (3.8) and (3.9) imply that for $n \geq 0$,

$$t_6(r_1^2 r_2^2 \cdots r_\nu^2 n + \frac{3(r_1^2 r_2^2 \cdots r_\nu^2 - 1)}{4}) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5} \quad (3.21)$$

and if $r_{\nu+1} \nmid n$, then

$$t_6\left(r_{\nu+1} n + \frac{3(r_{\nu+1} - 1)}{4}\right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (3.22)$$

Replacing n by $r_1^2 r_2^2 \cdots r_\nu^2 n + \frac{3(r_1^2 r_2^2 \cdots r_\nu^2 - 1)}{4}$ in (3.20) and utilizing (3.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & t_6\left(p_1^2 p_2^2 \cdots p_\alpha^2 q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 r_1^2 r_2^2 \cdots r_\nu^2 n + \frac{3(p_1^2 p_2^2 \cdots p_\alpha^2 q_1^5 q_2^5 \cdots q_\beta^5 r_1^2 r_2^2 \cdots r_\nu^2 - 1)}{4}\right) \\ & \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Setting $p = 5$ in (2.15) and using (2.17), we get

$$t_6(5n + 3) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}. \quad (3.24)$$

By (3.24) and mathematical induction, we see that for $n, k \geq 0$,

$$t_6 \left(5^k n + \frac{3(5^k - 1)}{4} \right) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}. \quad (3.25)$$

Replacing n by $5^k n + \frac{3(5^k - 1)}{4}$ in (3.23) and employing (3.25), we deduce that for $n, k \geq 0$,

$$t_6 \left(An + \frac{3(A - 1)}{4} \right) \equiv t_6(n) \pmod{5}, \quad (3.26)$$

where A is defined by (1.12).

Replacing n by $p_{\alpha+1}n + \frac{3(p_{\alpha+1}-1)}{4}$ ($p_{\alpha+1} \nmid (4n+3)$) in (3.26) and using (3.19), we have

$$t_6 \left(Ap_{\alpha+1}n + \frac{3(Ap_{\alpha+1} - 1)}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \quad (3.27)$$

Congruence (1.13) follows from (2.1) and (3.27). Replacing n by $r_{\nu+1}n + \frac{3(r_{\nu+1}^2-1)}{4}$ ($r_{\nu+1} \nmid n$) in (3.26) and utilizing (3.22), we find that

$$t_6 \left(Ar_{\nu+1}n + \frac{3(Ar_{\nu+1}^2 - 1)}{4} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, \quad (3.28)$$

which yields (1.14) after using (2.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

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