

**On the number of representations of  $n$  by  $ax^2 + by(y - 1)/2$ ,  
 $ax^2 + by(3y - 1)/2$  and  $ax(x - 1)/2 + by(3y - 1)/2$**

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**1. Introduction.** For  $k = 3, 4, 5, \dots$  the  $k$ -gonal numbers are given by  $p_k(n) = (k - 2)\binom{n}{2} + n$ . Thus,

$$p_3(n) = \frac{n^2 + n}{2}, \quad p_4(n) = n^2, \quad p_5(n) = \frac{3n^2 - n}{2}.$$

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of integers and the set of positive integers, respectively. Let  $\mathbb{Z}^2 = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} = \{\langle x, y \rangle : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let

$$r(n = f(x, y)) = |\{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : n = f(x, y)\}|.$$

For 143 values of  $\langle a, b \rangle$  the formula for  $r(n = ax(x - 1)/2 + by(y - 1)/2)$  is known (see [3, 4]). In [2] the author determined  $r(n = (3x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2)$  for  $b = 1, 2, 5$ . In this paper, using some results for binary quadratic forms in [4, 5] we determine  $r(n = x^2 + by(y - 1)/2)$  in the cases  $b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 29, 30, 35, 39, 51, 65, 95$ ,  $r(n = x^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2)$  in the cases  $b = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 17$  and  $r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2)$  in the cases  $b = 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, 26, 31, 34, 35, 55, 59, 91, 115, 119, 455$ . For example, we have

$$r\left(n = x^2 + b\frac{y(y - 1)}{2}\right) = 2 \sum_{k|8n+b} \left(\frac{-2b}{k}\right) \quad \text{for } b = 3, 5, 11, 29,$$

$$r\left(n = x^2 + b\frac{y(3y - 1)}{2}\right) = \sum_{k|24n+b} \left(\frac{-6b}{k}\right) \quad \text{for } b = 5, 7, 13, 17,$$

$$r\left(n = \frac{x(x - 1)}{2} + b\frac{y(3y - 1)}{2}\right) = \sum_{k|12n+(b+3)/2} \left(\frac{-3b}{k}\right) \quad \text{for } b = 7, 11, 19, 31, 59,$$

where  $\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)$  is the Legendre–Jacobi–Kronecker symbol.

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A negative integer  $d$  with  $d \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  is called a *discriminant*. Let  $d < 0$  be a discriminant. The *conductor* of  $d$  is the largest positive integer  $f = f(d)$  such that  $d/f^2 \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ . As usual we set  $w(d) = 2, 4, 6$  according as  $d < -4, d = -4$  or  $d = -3$ . For  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  we denote by  $[a, b, c]$  the equivalence class containing the form  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ . It is known ([1]) that

$$(1.1) \quad [a, b, c] = [c, -b, a] = [a, 2ak + b, ak^2 + bk + c] \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a, c > 0$  and  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$  let

$$(1.2) \quad R([a, b, c], n) = |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : n = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2\}|.$$

That is,  $R([a, b, c], n) = r(n = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2)$ . It is known that  $R([a, b, c], n) = R([a, -b, c], n)$ . If  $R([a, b, c], n) > 0$ , we say that  $n$  is *represented* by  $[a, b, c]$  or  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ . Let  $H(d)$  be the form class group consisting of classes of primitive, integral binary quadratic forms of discriminant  $d$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , following [5] we define

$$(1.3) \quad \delta(n, d) = \sum_{k|n} \left(\frac{d}{k}\right), \quad N(n, d) = \sum_{K \in H(d)} R(K, n).$$

When  $n$  is odd and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we also define  $\delta(n, a) = \sum_{k|n} \left(\frac{a}{k}\right)$ , where  $\left(\frac{a}{k}\right)$  is the Jacobi symbol. In the paper we mainly use the formula for  $N(n, d)$  and reduction formulas for  $R(K, n)$  in [5] to determine  $r(n = ax^2 + by(y-1)/2)$ ,  $r(n = ax^2 + by(3y-1)/2)$  and  $r(n = ax(x-1)/2 + by(3y-1)/2)$  for some special values of  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .

In addition to the above notation, throughout this paper  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer not exceeding  $x$  and  $(a, b)$  denotes the greatest common divisor of integers  $a$  and  $b$ . For a prime  $p$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\text{ord}_p n$  denotes the unique nonnegative integer  $\alpha$  such that  $p^\alpha \parallel n$  (i.e.  $p^\alpha | n$  but  $p^{\alpha+1} \nmid n$ ).

Throughout this paper,  $p$  denotes a prime and products over  $p$  run through all distinct primes  $p$  satisfying any restrictions given under the product symbol. For example the condition  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  under a product restricts the product to those distinct primes  $p$  which are of the form  $4k+1$ .

**2. Basic lemmas.** Let  $d < 0$  be a discriminant and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Recall that  $\delta(n, d) = \sum_{k|n} \left(\frac{d}{k}\right)$ . By [5, Lemma 4.1], we have

$$(2.1) \quad \delta(n, d) = \begin{cases} \prod_{\left(\frac{d}{p}\right)=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p n) & \text{if } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q n \text{ for every prime } q \text{ with } \left(\frac{d}{q}\right) = -1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

When  $n$  is odd and  $d$  is not a discriminant, (2.1) is also true. By (2.1),  $\left(\frac{d}{n}\right) = -1$  implies  $\delta(n, d) = 0$ .

LEMMA 2.1 ([5, Theorem 4.1]). *Let  $d < 0$  be a discriminant with conductor  $f$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $d_0 = d/f^2$ . Then*

$$N(n, d) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (n, f^2) \text{ is not a square,} \\ m \prod_{p|m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \left(\frac{d/m^2}{p}\right)\right) \cdot w(d) \delta\left(\frac{n}{m^2}, d_0\right) & \text{if } (n, f^2) = m^2 \text{ for } m \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

*In particular, when  $(n, f) = 1$  we have  $N(n, d) = w(d)\delta(n, d_0)$ .*

LEMMA 2.2 ([4, Lemma 2.2]). *Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $2 \nmid a$ .*

(i) *If  $2 \nmid a$  and  $4 \nmid (a-b)b$ , then*

$$R([a, 0, 4b], n) = \begin{cases} R([a, 0, b], n) & \text{if } n \equiv a \pmod{4}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*If  $2 \nmid a$ ,  $2 \mid b$  and  $8 \nmid b$ , then*

$$R([a, 0, 4b], n) = \begin{cases} R([a, 0, b], n) & \text{if } n \equiv a \pmod{8}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(ii) *If  $2 \nmid (a+b)$  and  $8 \nmid ab$ , then*

$$R([4a, 4a, a+b], n) = \begin{cases} R([a, 0, b], n) & \text{if } n \equiv a+b \pmod{8}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 2.3 ([4, Theorem 2.1]). *Let  $b \in \{6, 10, 12, 22, 28, 58\}$ ,  $b = 2^r b_0$  ( $2 \nmid b_0$ ),  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $2 \nmid n$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} R([1, 0, 4b], n) &= \begin{cases} 2\delta(n, -b) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ R([4, 4, b+1], n) &= \begin{cases} 2\delta(n, -b) & \text{if } n \equiv b+1 \pmod{8}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ R([2^{r+2}, 0, b_0], n) &= \begin{cases} 2\delta(n, -b) & \text{if } n \equiv b_0 \pmod{8}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ R([2^{r+2}, 2^{r+2}, 2^r + b_0], n) &= \begin{cases} 2\delta(n, -b) & \text{if } n \equiv 2^r + b_0 \pmod{8}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2.4 ([4, Theorem 2.6]). *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n = 5^\alpha n_0$  with  $5 \nmid n_0$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} R([1, 0, 45], n) &= \begin{cases} 2\delta(n_0/9, -20) & \text{if } 9 \mid n \text{ and } n_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}, \\ 2\delta(n_0, -20) & \text{if } 3 \mid n-1 \text{ and } n_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ R([5, 0, 9], n) &= \begin{cases} 2\delta(n_0/9, -20) & \text{if } 9 \mid n \text{ and } n_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}, \\ 2\delta(n_0, -20) & \text{if } 3 \mid n-2 \text{ and } n_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Formulas for $r(n = ax^2 + by(y - 1)/2)$

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$r(n = ax^2 + by(y - 1)/2) = \begin{cases} R([8a, 0, b], 8n + b) & \text{if } 8 \nmid b, \\ R([a, 0, b/8], n + b/8) - R([a, 0, b/2], n + b/8) & \text{if } 8 \mid b. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if  $4 \nmid a$  and  $2 \nmid b$ , then

$$r(n = ax^2 + by(y - 1)/2) = R([2a, 0, b], 8n + b);$$

if  $2 \nmid a$ ,  $2 \parallel b$  and  $4 \nmid a - b/2$ , then

$$r(n = ax^2 + by(y - 1)/2) = R([a, 0, b/2], 4n + b/2).$$

*Proof.* It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = ax^2 + by(y - 1)/2) &= r(8n = 8ax^2 + b(2y - 1)^2 - b) \\ &= |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 8n + b = 8ax^2 + by^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\ &= R([8a, 0, b], 8n + b) - R([8a, 0, 4b], 8n + b). \end{aligned}$$

When  $8 \nmid b$ , we have  $(8a, 4b) \nmid 8n + b$  and so  $R([8a, 0, 4b], 8n + b) = 0$ .

If  $4 \nmid a$  and  $2 \nmid b$ , by the above and Lemma 2.2 we have

$$r(n = ax^2 + by(y - 1)/2) = R([8a, 0, b], 8n + b) = R([2a, 0, b], 8n + b);$$

if  $2 \nmid a$ ,  $2 \parallel b$  and  $4 \nmid a - b/2$ , by the above and Lemma 2.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = ax^2 + by(y - 1)/2) &= R([8a, 0, b], 8n + b) = R([4a, 0, b/2], 4n + b/2) \\ &= R([a, 0, b/2], 4n + b/2). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

THEOREM 3.1. *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$r(n = x^2 + 16y(y - 1)/2) = \begin{cases} 2\delta\left(\frac{n+2}{2}, -2\right) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, \\ 2\delta(n+2, -2) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, \end{cases}$$

$$r(n = x^2 + 4y(y - 1)/2) = 2\delta(2n + 1, -2),$$

$$r(n = x^2 + y(y - 1)/2) = 2\delta(8n + 1, -2).$$

*Proof.* If  $n = x^2 + 16y(y - 1)/2$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $n \equiv x^2 \pmod{8}$  and so  $n \not\equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ . Now assume  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ . As  $x^2 \equiv n + 2 \pmod{4}$  is insolvable, we see that  $R([1, 0, 8], n + 2) = 0$ . Thus, by Lemmas 2.1 and 3.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(n = x^2 + 16y(y-1)/2) &= R([1, 0, 2], n+2) - R([1, 0, 8], n+2) = R([1, 0, 2], n+2) \\
 &= N(n+2, -8) = 2\delta(n+2, -8) \\
 &= \begin{cases} 2\delta((n+2)/2, -2) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, \\ 2\delta(n+2, -2) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $r(4n = x^2 + 16y(y-1)/2) = r(n = x^2 + 4y(y-1)/2)$  and  $r(16n = x^2 + 16y(y-1)/2) = r(n = x^2 + y(y-1)/2)$ , by the above we deduce the remaining result. So the theorem is proved.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(n = x^2 + 8y(y-1)/2) &= \begin{cases} 2\delta(n+1, -1) & \text{if } 4 \mid n, \\ 4\delta((n+1)/2, -1) & \text{if } 8 \mid n-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\
 r(n = x^2 + 2y(y-1)/2) &= 2\delta(4n+1, -1), \\
 r(n = 2x^2 + y(y-1)/2) &= 2\delta(8n+1, -1).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* If  $n = x^2 + 8y(y-1)/2$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $n \equiv x^2 \pmod{8}$  and so  $4 \mid n$  or  $8 \mid n-1$ . Now assume  $4 \mid n$  or  $8 \mid n-1$ . By Lemmas 2.1 and 3.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(n = x^2 + 8y(y-1)/2) &= R([1, 0, 1], n+1) - R([1, 0, 4], n+1) \\
 &= N(n+1, -4) - N(n+1, -16) \\
 &= \begin{cases} 4\delta(n+1, -4) - 2\delta(n+1, -4) & \text{if } 4 \mid n, \\ 4\delta(n+1, -4) - 0 & \text{if } 8 \mid n-1. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

This yields the result on  $r(n = x^2 + 8y(y-1)/2)$ . Since  $r(4n = x^2 + 8y(y-1)/2) = r(n = x^2 + 2y(y-1)/2)$  and  $r(8n = x^2 + 8y(y-1)/2) = r(n = 2x^2 + y(y-1)/2)$ , from the above we deduce the remaining result. So the theorem is proved.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \{3, 7\}$  and  $a \in \{1, 2, m, 2m\}$ . Then*

$$r\left(n = ax^2 + \frac{2m}{a} \cdot \frac{y(y-1)}{2}\right) = 2 \sum_{k \mid 4an+m} \left(\frac{k}{m}\right).$$

*Proof.* It is known that  $H(-4m) = \{[1, 0, m]\}$  and  $f(-4m) = 2$ . Thus, by Lemmas 3.1 and 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(n = x^2 + 2my(y-1)/2) &= R([1, 0, m], 4n+m) = N(4n+m, -4m) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{k \mid 4n+m} \left(\frac{-m}{k}\right) = 2 \sum_{k \mid 4n+m} \left(\frac{k}{m}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now replacing  $n$  with  $an$  we obtain the result.

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $a, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \mid 30$  and  $4an + 15 = 3^\alpha n_0$  ( $3 \nmid n_0$ ). Then*

$$r\left(n = ax^2 + \frac{30}{a} \cdot \frac{y(y-1)}{2}\right) = \left(1 + (-1)^\alpha \binom{n_0}{3}\right) \sum_{k|n_0} \binom{k}{15}.$$

*Proof.* If  $a = 1$ , then by Lemma 3.1, [5, Theorem 9.3] and (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = x^2 + 30y(y-1)/2) &= R([1, 0, 15], 4n + 15) \\ &= \left(1 + (-1)^\alpha \binom{n_0}{3}\right) \sum_{k|3^\alpha n_0} \binom{-15}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $\sum_{k|3^\alpha n_0} \binom{-15}{k} = \sum_{k|n_0} \binom{k}{15}$ . We see that the result is true for  $a = 1$ . Since  $r(an = x^2 + 30y(y-1)/2) = r(n = ax^2 + \frac{30}{a}y(y-1)/2)$ , the result follows.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b \in \{3, 5, 11, 29\}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = x^2 + by(y-1)/2) &= 2\delta(8n + b, -2b), \\ r(n = bx^2 + y(y-1)/2) &= 2\delta(8n + 1, -2b). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1 we have  $r(n = x^2 + by(y-1)/2) = R([8, 0, b], 8n + b)$  and  $r(n = bx^2 + y(y-1)/2) = R([1, 0, 8b], 8n + 1)$ . Thus applying Lemma 2.3 we deduce the result.

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \{1, 9\}$ . Then*

$$r\left(n = ax^2 + \frac{9}{a} \cdot \frac{y(y-1)}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} 2\delta(8n + 9/a, -2) & \text{if } 3 \mid n - a, \\ 2\delta\left(\frac{8n + 9/a}{9}, -2\right) & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 9/a, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 3.1 we have  $r(n = x^2 + 9y(y-1)/2) = R([2, 0, 9], 8n + 9)$  and  $r(n = 9x^2 + y(y-1)/2) = R([1, 0, 18], 8n + 1)$ . Since  $H(-72) = \{[1, 0, 18], [2, 0, 9]\}$  and  $f(-72) = 3$ , applying [5, Theorem 9.3] and (2.1) we deduce the result.

**LEMMA 3.2** ([4, Theorem 4.2]). *Let  $m \in \{5, 7, 13, 17\}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $in = 2^{\alpha_i} 3^{\beta_i} n_0$  with  $(6, n_0) = 1$ . Then  $R([i, 0, 6m/i], n) > 0$  if and only if  $2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0$  for every prime  $q$  with  $\binom{-6m}{q} = -1$  and*

$$n_0 \equiv \begin{cases} 1, 6m + 1 \pmod{24} & \text{if } 2 \mid \alpha_i \text{ and } 2 \mid \beta_i, \\ 2m + 3, 8m + 3 \pmod{24} & \text{if } 2 \mid \alpha_i \text{ and } 2 \nmid \beta_i, \\ 3m + 2, 3m + 8 \pmod{24} & \text{if } 2 \nmid \alpha_i \text{ and } 2 \mid \beta_i, \\ m, m + 6 \pmod{24} & \text{if } 2 \nmid \alpha_i \text{ and } 2 \nmid \beta_i. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if  $R([i, 0, 6m/i], n) > 0$ , then

$$R([i, 0, 6m/i], n) = 2 \prod_{\binom{-6m}{p}=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0).$$

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $m \in \{5, 7, 13, 17\}$ ,  $a \in \{1, 3, m, 3m\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $8an + 3m = 3^\beta n_0$  with  $3 \nmid n_0$ . Then  $r(n = ax^2 + \frac{3m}{a}y(y-1)/2) > 0$  if and only if  $2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0$  for every prime  $q$  with  $(\frac{-6m}{q}) = -1$  and*

$$n_0 \equiv \begin{cases} 1 \pmod{3} & \text{if } m \in \{7, 13\} \text{ and } 2 \nmid \beta, \\ 2 \pmod{3} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if the above conditions hold, then  $r(n = ax^2 + \frac{3m}{a}y(y-1)/2) = 2 \prod_{(\frac{-6m}{p})=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0)$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $n_0 \equiv (2 + (-1)^\beta)m \pmod{8}$ . By Lemma 3.1 we have  $r(n = x^2 + 3my(y-1)/2) = R([2, 0, 3m], 8n + 3m)$ . Now applying Lemma 3.2 we deduce the result for  $a = 1$ . Noting that  $r(an = x^2 + 3my(y-1)/2) = r(n = ax^2 + \frac{3m}{a}y(y-1)/2)$  we deduce the remaining result.

**LEMMA 3.3** ([4, Theorem 4.3]). *Let  $m \in \{7, 13, 19\}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 5, 10\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $in = 2^{\alpha_i} 5^{\beta_i} n_0$  with  $(10, n_0) = 1$ . Then  $R([i, 0, 10m/i], n) > 0$  if and only if  $2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0$  for every prime  $q$  with  $(\frac{-10m}{q}) = -1$  and*

$$n_0 \equiv \begin{cases} 1, 9, 1 + 10m, 9 + 10m \pmod{40} & \text{if } 2 \mid \alpha_i \text{ and } 2 \mid \beta_i, \\ 5 + 2m, 5 + 8m, 5 + 18m, 5 + 32m \pmod{40} & \text{if } 2 \mid \alpha_i \text{ and } 2 \nmid \beta_i, \\ 5m + 2, 5m + 8, 5m + 18, 5m + 32 \pmod{40} & \text{if } 2 \nmid \alpha_i \text{ and } 2 \mid \beta_i, \\ m, 9m, 10 + m, 10 + 9m \pmod{40} & \text{if } 2 \nmid \alpha_i \text{ and } 2 \nmid \beta_i. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if  $R([i, 0, 10m/i], n) > 0$ , then

$$R([i, 0, 10m/i], n) = 2 \prod_{(\frac{-10m}{p})=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0).$$

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Let  $m \in \{7, 13, 19\}$ ,  $a \in \{1, 5, m, 5m\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $8an + 5m = 5^\beta n_0$  with  $5 \nmid n_0$ . Then  $r(n = ax^2 + \frac{5m}{a}y(y-1)/2) > 0$  if and only if  $2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0$  for every prime  $q$  with  $(\frac{-10m}{q}) = -1$  and*

$$n_0 \equiv \begin{cases} \pm 1 \pmod{5} & \text{if } m = 19 \text{ and } 2 \nmid \beta, \\ \pm 2 \pmod{5} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if the above conditions hold, then  $r(n = ax^2 + \frac{5m}{a}y(y-1)/2) = 2 \prod_{(\frac{-10m}{p})=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0)$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $n_0 \equiv 5m$  or  $m \pmod{8}$  according as  $2 \mid \beta$  or  $2 \nmid \beta$ . By Lemma 3.1 we have  $r(n = x^2 + 5my(y-1)/2) = R([2, 0, 5m], 8n + 5m)$ . Now applying Lemma 3.3 we deduce the result for  $a = 1$ . Noting that  $r(an = x^2 + 5my(y-1)/2) = r(n = ax^2 + \frac{5m}{a}y(y-1)/2)$  we deduce the remaining result.

THEOREM 3.9. *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$r(n = x^2 + 10y(y-1)/2) = \sum_{k|4n+5} (-1)^{(k-1)/2} \left(\frac{k}{5}\right) - \phi_4(4n+5),$$

where  $\phi_4(m)$  is given by

$$q \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{4k})(1 - q^{20k}) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \phi_4(m) q^m \quad (|q| < 1)$$

or by [6, Theorem 4.5(ii)].

*Proof.* It is known that  $f(-80) = 2$  and  $H(-80) = \{[1, 0, 20], [4, 0, 5], [3, 2, 7], [3, -2, 7]\}$ . Thus

$$R([1, 0, 20], 4n+5) + R([4, 0, 5], 4n+5) = N(4n+5, -80) - 2R([3, 2, 7], 4n+5).$$

If  $4n+5 = 3x^2 + 2xy + 7y^2$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $4n+5 \equiv -x^2 + 2xy - y^2 = -(x-y)^2 \pmod{4}$ . This is impossible. Thus  $R([3, 2, 7], 4n+5) = 0$ . Hence, using the above and Lemma 2.1 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & R([1, 0, 20], 4n+5) + R([4, 0, 5], 4n+5) \\ &= N(4n+5, -80) = 2 \sum_{k|4n+5} \left(\frac{-20}{k}\right) = 2 \sum_{k|4n+5} (-1)^{(k-1)/2} \left(\frac{k}{5}\right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by [6, Theorem 2.2] we have

$$R([1, 0, 20], 4n+5) - R([4, 0, 5], 4n+5) = 2\phi_4(4n+5).$$

Hence

$$R([4, 0, 5], 4n+5) = \sum_{k|4n+5} (-1)^{(k-1)/2} \left(\frac{k}{5}\right) - \phi_4(4n+5).$$

By Lemma 3.1 we have

$$r(n = x^2 + 10y(y-1)/2) = R([8, 0, 10], 8n+10) = R([4, 0, 5], 4n+5).$$

Thus the result follows.

#### 4. Formulas for $r(n = ax^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2)$

LEMMA 4.1. *Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = ax^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) \\ &= R([24a, 0, b], 24n+b) - R([24a, 0, 4b], 24n+b) \\ &\quad - R([24a, 0, 9b], 24n+b) + R([24a, 0, 36b], 24n+b). \end{aligned}$$

*In particular, if  $3 \nmid b$  and  $8 \nmid b$ , we have*

$$2r(n = ax^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) = R([24a, 0, b], 24n+b).$$



Moreover, if  $4 \nmid a$ ,  $2 \nmid b$  and  $3 \nmid b$ , then

$$2r(n = ax^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) = R([6a, 0, b], 24n + b).$$

*Proof.* Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = ax^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) &= 2r(24n + b = 24ax^2 + b(6y - 1)^2) \\ &= |\{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + b = 24ax^2 + by^2, 2 \nmid y, 3 \nmid y\}| \\ &= |\{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + b = 24ax^2 + by^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\ &\quad - |\{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + b = 24ax^2 + b(3y)^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\ &= R([24a, 0, b], 24n + b) - R([24a, 0, 4b], 24n + b) \\ &\quad - (R([24a, 0, 9b], 24n + b) - R([24a, 0, 36b], 24n + b)). \end{aligned}$$

If  $3 \nmid b$  and  $8 \nmid b$ , we then have  $2r(n = ax^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) = R([24a, 0, b], 24n + b)$ . If  $4 \nmid a$ ,  $2 \nmid b$  and  $3 \nmid b$ , by Lemma 2.2 we have  $R([24a, 0, b], 24n + b) = R([6a, 0, b], 24n + b)$ . So the lemma is proved.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = x^2 + 4(3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(6n + 1, -6), \\ r(n = x^2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(24n + 1, -6). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* As  $H(-24) = \{[1, 0, 6], [2, 0, 3]\}$  and  $m = 2x^2 + 3y^2$  implies  $m \not\equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ , using Lemma 2.1 we see that  $R([24, 0, 4], 24n + 4) = R([1, 0, 6], 6n + 1) = N(6n + 1, -24) = 2\delta(6n + 1, -6)$ . Now putting  $a = 1$  and  $b = 4$  in Lemma 4.1 and applying the above we obtain  $r(n = x^2 + 4(3y^2 - y)/2) = \delta(6n + 1, -6)$ . Replacing  $n$  by  $4n$  we deduce the remaining result.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = x^2 + 8(3y^2 - y)/2) &= \begin{cases} \delta(3n + 1, -3) & \text{if } 4 \mid n, \\ 2\delta((3n + 1)/4, -3) & \text{if } 8 \mid n - 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ r(n = x^2 + 3y^2 - y) &= \delta(12n + 1, -3). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* If  $n = x^2 + 4(3y^2 - y)$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then clearly  $4 \mid n$  or  $8 \mid n - 1$ . Now assume  $4 \mid n$  or  $8 \mid n - 1$ . From Lemma 4.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = x^2 + 8(3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([24, 0, 8], 24n + 8) - R([24, 0, 32], 24n + 8) \\ &= R([1, 0, 3], 3n + 1) - R([3, 0, 4], 3n + 1) \\ &= N(3n + 1, -12) - R([3, 0, 4], 3n + 1). \end{aligned}$$

If  $4 \nmid n$ , then  $3n + 1 = 3x^2 + 4y^2$  is insolvable. Thus, by Lemma 2.1 we have

$$N(3n + 1, -12) - R([3, 0, 4], 3n + 1) = N(3n + 1, -12) = 2\delta(3n + 1, -3).$$

If  $8 \mid n - 1$ , then  $3n + 1 \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ . By Lemma 2.1, [5, Theorem 9.3] and (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(3n + 1, -12) - R([3, 0, 4], 3n + 1) \\ = 6\delta((3n + 1)/4, -3) - 2\delta((3n + 1)/4, -3) = 4\delta((3n + 1)/4, -3). \end{aligned}$$

Now combining the above we obtain the result for  $r(n = x^2 + 4(3y^2 - y))$ . As  $r(4n = x^2 + 4(3y^2 - y)) = r(n = x^2 + 3y^2 - y)$ , applying the above we deduce the remaining result.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b \in \{5, 7, 13, 17\}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = x^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(24n + b, -6b), \\ r(n = bx^2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(24n + 1, -6b). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 4.1 we have

$$2r(n = x^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) = R([b, 0, 6], 24n + b).$$

It is easily seen that  $H(-24b) = \{[1, 0, 6b], [2, 0, 3b], [3, 0, 2b], [6, 0, b]\}$  and  $24n + b$  cannot be represented by  $x^2 + 6by^2$ ,  $2x^2 + 3by^2$  and  $3x^2 + 2by^2$ . Thus, using the fact that  $f(-24b) = 1$  and Lemma 2.1 we deduce

$$R([b, 0, 6], 24n + b) = N(24n + b, -24b) = 2\delta(24n + b, -24b).$$

Now combining the above we obtain  $r(n = x^2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) = \delta(24n + b, -6b)$ . Replacing  $n$  with  $bn$  we deduce the remaining result.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = x^2 + 3(3y^2 - y)/2) \\ = \begin{cases} 2\delta(n_0, -2) & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 1 \text{ and } 8n + 1 = 3^\alpha n_0 \ (3 \nmid n_0), \\ \delta(8n + 1, -2) & \text{if } 3 \mid n \text{ or } n \equiv 4, 7 \pmod{9}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$r(n = 3x^2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) = \delta(24n + 1, -2).$$

*Proof.* From Lemmas 4.1 and 2.2 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = x^2 + 3(3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([24, 0, 3], 24n + 3) - R([24, 0, 27], 24n + 3) \\ &= R([8, 0, 1], 8n + 1) - R([8, 0, 9], 8n + 1) \\ &= R([2, 0, 1], 8n + 1) - R([2, 0, 9], 8n + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $H(-8) = \{[1, 0, 2]\}$ , by Lemma 2.1 we have  $R([2, 0, 1], 8n + 1) = 2\delta(8n + 1, -2)$ . It is known that  $H(-72) = \{[1, 0, 18], [2, 0, 9]\}$  and  $f(-72) = 3$ . Thus, by [5, Theorem 9.3] and (2.1) we have

$$R([2, 0, 9], 8n + 1) = \begin{cases} 2\delta(8n + 1, -2) & \text{if } 3 \mid n - 2, \\ 2\delta((8n + 1)/9, -2) & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

When  $9 \mid n-1$  and  $8n+1 = 3^\alpha n_0$  ( $3 \nmid n_0$ ), we have

$$\sum_{k \mid 8n+1} \binom{-2}{k} - \sum_{k \mid \frac{8n+1}{9}} \binom{-2}{k} = \sum_{k \mid n_0} \left( \binom{-2}{3^\alpha k} + \binom{-2}{3^{\alpha-1} k} \right) = 2 \sum_{k \mid n_0} \binom{-2}{k}.$$

Now combining all the above we obtain the result for  $r(n = x^2 + 3(3y^2 - y)/2)$ . Note that  $r(3n = x^2 + 3(3y^2 - y)/2) = r(n = 3x^2 + (3y^2 - y)/2)$ . We then obtain the remaining result.

### 5. Formulas for $r(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2)$

LEMMA 5.1. *Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) \\ = R([12a, 12a, 3a + b], 24n + 3a + b) - R([12a, 0, 4b], 24n + 3a + b) \\ - R([12a, 12a, 3a + 9b], 24n + 3a + b) \\ + R([12a, 0, 36b], 24n + 3a + b). \end{aligned}$$

If  $4 \nmid a$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) \\ = R([3a, 0, b], 24n + 3a + b) - R([3a, 0, 4b], 24n + 3a + b) \\ - R([3a, 0, 9b], 24n + 3a + b) + R([3a, 0, 36b], 24n + 3a + b). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) \\ = 2r(24n + 3a + b = 3a(2x-1)^2 + b(6y-1)^2) \\ = |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 3ax^2 + by^2, 2 \nmid xy, 3 \nmid y\}| \\ = |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 3ax^2 + by^2, 2 \nmid xy\}| \\ - |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 3ax^2 + b(3y)^2, 2 \nmid xy\}| \\ = |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 3a(2x+y)^2 + by^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\ - |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 3a(2x+y)^2 + 9by^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\ = |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 12ax^2 + 12axy + (3a+b)y^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\ - |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 12ax^2 + 12axy + (3a+9b)y^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\ = R([12a, 12a, 3a + b], 24n + 3a + b) \\ - R([12a, 24a, 4(3a + b)], 24n + 3a + b) \\ - (R([12a, 12a, 3a + 9b], 24n + 3a + b) \\ - R([12a, 24a, 4(3a + 9b)], 24n + 3a + b)). \end{aligned}$$

Using (1.1) we see that  $[12a, 24a, 4(3a + b)] = [12a, 0, 4b]$  and  $[12a, 24a, 4(3a + 9b)] = [12a, 0, 36b]$ . Thus the first part follows.

Now assume  $4 \nmid a$ . If  $24n + 3a + b = 3ax^2 + b(6y - 1)^2$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then clearly  $2 \nmid x$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
2r(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) &= 2r(24n + 3a + b = 3a(2x - 1)^2 + b(6y - 1)^2) \\
&= 2r(24n + 3a + b = 3ax^2 + b(6y - 1)^2) \\
&= |\{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 3ax^2 + by^2, 2 \nmid y, 3 \nmid y\}| \\
&= |\{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 3ax^2 + by^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\
&\quad - |\{\langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 24n + 3a + b = 3ax^2 + b(3y)^2, 2 \nmid y\}| \\
&= R([3a, 0, b], 24n + 3a + b) - R([3a, 0, 4b], 24n + 3a + b) \\
&\quad - (R([3a, 0, 9b], 24n + 3a + b) - R([3a, 0, 36b], 24n + 3a + b)).
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 5.1.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) = 2\delta(6n + 1, -3).$$

*Proof.* From Lemmas 5.1 and 2.1 we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
2r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([12, 12, 4], 24n + 4) - R([12, 0, 4], 24n + 4) \\
&= R([3, 3, 1], 6n + 1) - R([3, 0, 1], 6n + 1) \\
&= N(6n + 1, -3) - N(6n + 1, -12) \\
&= 6\delta(6n + 1, -3) - 2\delta(6n + 1, -3).
\end{aligned}$$

This yields the result.

**THEOREM 5.2.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
r(n = x^2 - x + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(24n + 7, -6), \\
r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + 3y^2 - y) &= \delta(24n + 5, -6).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  it is clear that  $x^2 + 6y^2 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  and  $2x^2 + 3y^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ . Since  $H(-24) = \{[1, 0, 6], [2, 0, 3]\}$  and  $f(-24) = 1$ , using Lemmas 5.1 and 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
2r(n = x^2 - x + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([6, 0, 1], 24n + 7) \\
&= N(24n + 7, -24) = 2\delta(24n + 7, -24)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n &= (x^2 - x)/2 + 3y^2 - y) \\ &= R([3, 0, 2], 24n + 5) - R([3, 0, 8], 24n + 5) = R([2, 0, 3], 24n + 5) \\ &= N(24n + 5, -24) = 2\delta(24n + 5, -24). \end{aligned}$$

This yields the result.

**THEOREM 5.3.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + 3(3y^2 - y)/2) = \begin{cases} \delta(4n + 1, -1) & \text{if } 3 \mid n - 1, \\ 2\delta(4n + 1, -1) & \text{if } 3 \nmid n - 1 \text{ and } 9 \nmid n - 2, \\ 0 & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 2. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Putting  $a = 1$  and  $b = 3$  in Lemma 5.1 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n &= (x^2 - x)/2 + 3(3y^2 - y)/2) \\ &= R([12, 12, 6], 24n + 6) - R([12, 12, 30], 24n + 6) \\ &= R([2, 2, 1], 4n + 1) - R([2, 2, 5], 4n + 1). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1 we have  $R([2, 2, 1], 4n + 1) = N(4n + 1, -4) = 4\delta(4n + 1, -1)$ .

As  $H(-36) = \{[1, 0, 9], [2, 2, 5]\}$ , by [5, Theorem 9.3] and (2.1) we have

$$(5.1) \quad R([2, 2, 5], 4n + 1) = \begin{cases} 2\delta(4n + 1, -1) & \text{if } 3 \mid n - 1, \\ 4\delta((4n + 1)/9, -1) & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If  $9 \mid n - 2$  and  $4n + 1 = 3^\alpha n_0$  ( $3 \nmid n_0$ ), then

$$\begin{aligned} &\delta(4n + 1, -1) - \delta((4n + 1)/9, -1) \\ &= \sum_{k \mid 4n+1, k \nmid (4n+1)/9} \left(\frac{-1}{k}\right) = \sum_{k \mid n_0} \left( \left(\frac{-1}{3^{\alpha-1}k}\right) + \left(\frac{-1}{3^\alpha k}\right) \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now putting all the above together we obtain the result.

**THEOREM 5.4.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$r(n = 3(x^2 - x)/2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) = \delta(12n + 5, -1).$$

*Proof.* Putting  $a = 3$  and  $b = 1$  in Lemma 5.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n &= 3(x^2 - x)/2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) \\ &= R([36, 36, 10], 24n + 10) = R([18, 18, 5], 12n + 5). \end{aligned}$$

By (1.1), we have  $[18, 18, 5] = [5, -18, 18] = [5, 2, 2] = [2, -2, 5]$ . Thus  $R([18, 18, 5], 12n + 5) = R([2, 2, 5], 12n + 5)$ . Now applying (5.1) we deduce the result.

**THEOREM 5.5.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \in \{1, 5\}$  and  $3n + (a+3)/4 = 2^\alpha n_0$  ( $2 \nmid n_0$ ). Then*

$$r\left(n = a \frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{5}{a} \cdot \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = 2 \sum_{k|n_0} \left(\frac{k}{15}\right).$$

*Proof.* Set  $b = 5/a$ . It is known that  $H(-60) = \{[1, 0, 15], [3, 0, 5]\}$  and  $f(-60) = 2$ . For  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  we see that  $x^2 + 15y^2 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $3x^2 + 5y^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Thus, using Lemmas 5.1 and 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([3a, 0, b], 24n + 3a + b) - R([3a, 0, 4b], 24n + 3a + b) \\ &= R([3a, 0, b], 24n + 3a + b) - R([12a, 0, 4b], 24n + 3a + b) \\ &= R([3a, 0, b], 24n + 3a + b) - R([3a, 0, b], 6n + (3a + b)/4) \\ &= N(24n + 3a + b, -60) - N(6n + (3a + b)/4, -60) \\ &= 2 \sum_{k|6n+(3a+b)/4} \left(\frac{-15}{k}\right) - (1 + (-1)^{n+(a+3)/4}) \sum_{k|(6n+(3a+b)/4)/4} \left(\frac{-15}{k}\right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{k|n_0} \left(\left(\frac{-15}{2^\alpha k}\right) + \left(\frac{-15}{2^{\alpha+1}k}\right)\right) = 4 \sum_{k|n_0} \left(\frac{-15}{k}\right). \end{aligned}$$

This yields the result.

**THEOREM 5.6.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b \in \{7, 11, 19, 31, 59\}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(12n + (b+3)/2, -3b), \\ r(n = b(x^2 - x)/2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(12n + (3b+1)/2, -3b). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* As  $b \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  we see that  $3 + b \equiv 3b + 1 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Thus,  $R([3, 0, 4b], 24n + 3 + b) = 0$  and  $R([3b, 0, 4], 24n + 3b + 1) = 0$ . Hence, using Lemma 5.1 we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + b(3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([3, 0, b], 24n + 3 + b) - R([3, 0, 4b], 24n + 3 + b) \\ &\quad - R([3, 0, 9b], 24n + 3 + b) + R([3, 0, 36b], 24n + 3 + b) \\ &= R([3, 0, b], 24n + 3 + b) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = b(x^2 - x)/2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([3b, 0, 1], 24n + 3b + 1) - R([3b, 0, 4], 24n + 3b + 1) \\ &\quad - R([3b, 0, 9], 24n + 3b + 1) + R([3b, 0, 36], 24n + 3b + 1) \\ &= R([1, 0, 3b], 24n + 3b + 1). \end{aligned}$$

It is known that we have  $H(-12b) = \{[1, 0, 3b], [3, 0, b], [2, 2, (3b+1)/2], [6, 6, (b+3)/2]\}$  and  $f(-12b) = 1$ . One can easily see that  $24n + 3 + b$  cannot be represented by  $x^2 + 3by^2$ ,  $2x^2 + 2xy + \frac{3b+1}{2}y^2$  and  $6x^2 + 6xy + \frac{b+3}{2}y^2$ , and  $24n + 3b + 1$  cannot be represented by  $3x^2 + by^2$ ,  $2x^2 + 2xy + \frac{3b+1}{2}y^2$  and  $6x^2 + 6xy + \frac{b+3}{2}y^2$ . Thus, applying Lemma 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} R([3, 0, b], 24n + 3 + b) &= N(24n + 3 + b, -12b) \\ &= 2\delta(24n + 3 + b, -12b) \\ &= 2\delta(12n + (b+3)/2, -3b) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} R([1, 0, 3b], 24n + 3b + 1) &= N(24n + 3b + 1, -12b) \\ &= 2\delta(24n + 3b + 1, -12b) \\ &= 2\delta(12n + (3b+1)/2, -3b). \end{aligned}$$

Now combining all the above we deduce the result.

**THEOREM 5.7.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \{5, 7, 13, 17\}$  and  $a \in \{1, 2, m, 2m\}$ . Then*

$$r\left(n = a\frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{2m}{a} \cdot \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \sum_{k|24n+3a+2m/a} \left(\frac{-6m}{k}\right).$$

*Proof.* If  $24n + 3a + 2m/a = 3ax^2 + \frac{8m}{a}y^2$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $2 \nmid x$  and so  $\frac{2m}{a}(1 - 4y^2) = \frac{2m}{a} - \frac{8m}{a}y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ . This is impossible. So  $R([3a, 0, 8m/a], 24n + 3a + 2m/a) = 0$ . Hence, using Lemma 5.1 we see that

$$2r\left(n = a\frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{2m}{a} \cdot \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = R([3a, 0, 2m/a], 24n + 3a + 2m/a).$$

It is known that  $H(-24m) = \{[1, 0, 6m], [2, 0, 3m], [3, 0, 2m], [6, 0, m]\}$  and  $f(-24m) = 1$ . Let  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $(n', 6) = 1$ . It is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} n' = x^2 + 6my^2 &\Rightarrow n' \equiv 1, 1 + 6m \pmod{24}, \\ n' = 2x^2 + 3my^2 &\Rightarrow n' \equiv 3m + 2, 3m + 8 \pmod{24}, \\ n' = 3x^2 + 2my^2 &\Rightarrow n' \equiv 2m + 3, 8m + 3 \pmod{24}, \\ n' = 6x^2 + my^2 &\Rightarrow n' \equiv m, m + 6 \pmod{24}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $1, 1 + 6m, 3m + 2, 3m + 8, 2m + 3, 8m + 3, m, m + 6$  are distinct modulo 24, we see that  $n'$  is represented by at most one class in  $H(-24m)$ . As  $(24n + 3a + 2m/a, 6) = 1$ , we see that  $24n + 3a + 2m/a$  cannot be represented by any class  $K \in H(-24m)$  with  $K \neq [3a, 0, 2m/a]$ . From the above and Lemma 2.1 we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
2r\left(n = a \frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{2m}{a} \cdot \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) &= R([3a, 0, 2m/a], 24n + 3a + 2m/a) \\
&= N(24n + 3a + 2m/a, -24m) \\
&= 2\delta(24n + 3a + 2m/a, -24m).
\end{aligned}$$

So the theorem is proved.

**THEOREM 5.8.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
r(n = 15(x^2 - x)/2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(12n + 23, -5), \\
r(n = 3(x^2 - x)/2 + 5(3y^2 - y)/2) &= \delta(12n + 7, -5).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $12n + 23 = 5^\alpha n_1$  with  $5 \nmid n_1$ . From Lemma 5.1 and the fact that  $24n + 46 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  we have  $R([45, 0, 4], 24n + 46) = 0$  and so

$$\begin{aligned}
2r(n = 15(x^2 - x)/2 + (3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([45, 0, 1], 24n + 46) - R([45, 0, 4], 24n + 46) \\
&\quad - R([45, 0, 9], 24n + 46) + R([45, 0, 36], 24n + 46) \\
&= R([45, 0, 1], 24n + 46) = R([1, 0, 45], 5^\alpha \cdot 2n_1).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $24n + 46 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , applying the above and Lemma 2.4 we see that

$$r\left(n = 15 \frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} \delta(2n_1, -20) & \text{if } n_1 \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n_1 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}. \end{cases}$$

If  $n_1 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ , as  $n_1 \equiv 5^\alpha n_1 = 12n + 23 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  we see that  $\binom{-20}{n_1} = \binom{-5}{n_1} = -\binom{5}{n_1} = -\binom{n_1}{5} = -1$  and so  $\delta(n_1, -20) = 0$  by (2.1). Since  $\delta(2n_1, -20) = \delta(n_1, -20)$ , we always have

$$r\left(n = 15 \frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \sum_{k|n_1} \binom{-20}{k} = \sum_{k|12n+23} \binom{-5}{k}.$$

Now suppose  $12n + 7 = 5^\beta n_2$  with  $5 \nmid n_2$ . From Lemma 5.1 and the fact that  $24n + 14 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  we have  $R([9, 0, 20], 24n + 14) = 0$  and so

$$\begin{aligned}
2r(n = 3(x^2 - x)/2 + 5(3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([9, 0, 5], 24n + 14) - R([9, 0, 20], 24n + 14) \\
&\quad - R([9, 0, 45], 24n + 14) + R([9, 0, 180], 24n + 14) \\
&= R([9, 0, 5], 24n + 14) = R([5, 0, 9], 5^\beta \cdot 2n_2).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $24n + 14 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , applying the above and Lemma 2.4 we see that

$$r\left(n = 3 \frac{x^2 - x}{2} + 5 \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} \delta(2n_2, -20) & \text{if } n_2 \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n_2 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}. \end{cases}$$

If  $n_2 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ , as  $n_2 \equiv 5^\alpha n_2 = 12n + 7 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  we see that  $\binom{-20}{n_2} = \binom{-5}{n_2} = -\binom{5}{n_2} = -\binom{n_2}{5} = -1$  and so  $\sum_{k|n_2} \binom{-20}{k} = 0$  by (2.1).



Since  $\delta(2n_2, -20) = \delta(n_2, -20)$ , we always have

$$r\left(n = 3\frac{x^2 - x}{2} + 5\frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \sum_{k|n_2} \left(\frac{-20}{k}\right) = \sum_{k|12n+7} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right).$$

The proof is now complete.

**THEOREM 5.9.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $4n+3 = 5^\alpha n_0$  ( $5 \nmid n_0$ ). If  $n_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ , then*

$$r\left(n = \frac{x^2 - x}{2} + 15\frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = r\left(n = 5\frac{x^2 - x}{2} + 3\frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = 0.$$

If  $n_0 \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}$ , then

$$r\left(n = \frac{x^2 - x}{2} + 15\frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} 2\delta(n_1, -5) & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 6, \\ 0 & \text{if } 3 \mid n - 2, \\ \delta(n_0, -5) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$r\left(n = 5\frac{x^2 - x}{2} + 3\frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} 2\delta(n_1, -5) & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 6, \\ 0 & \text{if } 3 \mid n - 1, \\ \delta(n_0, -5) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $n_1$  is given by  $n_0 = 3^\beta n_1$  ( $3 \nmid n_1$ ).

*Proof.* By Lemma 5.1 and the fact that  $24n + 18 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + 15(3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([3, 0, 15], 24n + 18) - R([3, 0, 60], 24n + 18) \\ &\quad - R([3, 0, 135], 24n + 18) + R([3, 0, 540], 24n + 18) \\ &= R([3, 0, 15], 24n + 18) - R([3, 0, 135], 24n + 18) \\ &= R([1, 0, 5], 8n + 6) - R([1, 0, 45], 8n + 6) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 2r(n = 5(x^2 - x)/2 + 3(3y^2 - y)/2) &= R([15, 0, 3], 24n + 18) - R([15, 0, 12], 24n + 18) \\ &\quad - R([15, 0, 27], 24n + 18) + R([15, 0, 108], 24n + 18) \\ &= R([15, 0, 3], 24n + 18) - R([15, 0, 27], 24n + 18) \\ &= R([1, 0, 5], 8n + 6) - R([5, 0, 9], 8n + 6). \end{aligned}$$

For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $5m = x^2 + 5y^2$  ( $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) implies  $5 \mid x$  and  $m = 5(x/5)^2 + y^2$ . Thus  $R([1, 0, 5], 5m) = R([1, 0, 5], m)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} R([1, 0, 5], 8n + 6) &= R([1, 0, 5], 5^\alpha \cdot 2n_0) = R([1, 0, 5], 5^{\alpha-1} \cdot 2n_0) \\ &= \cdots = R([1, 0, 5], 2n_0). \end{aligned}$$

If  $n_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ , then  $x^2 \equiv 2n_0 \pmod{5}$  is insolvable and so

$$R([1, 0, 5], 8n + 6) = R([1, 0, 5], 2n_0) = 0.$$

Hence, by the above we have  $r(n = (x^2 - x)/2 + 15(3y^2 - y)/2) = 0$  and  $r(n = 5(x^2 - x)/2 + 3(3y^2 - y)/2) = 0$ .

Now we assume  $n_0 \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}$ . Then  $2n_0 \equiv \pm 4 \pmod{5}$  and so  $2n_0$  cannot be represented by  $2x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2$ . Since  $H(-20) = \{[1, 0, 5], [2, 2, 3]\}$ , from the above and Lemma 2.1 we see that

$$R([1, 0, 5], 8n + 6) = R([1, 0, 5], 2n_0) = N(2n_0, -20) = 2\delta(2n_0, -20).$$

From Lemma 2.4 we know that

$$R([1, 0, 45], 8n + 6) = \begin{cases} 2\delta(2n_0/9, -20) & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 6, \\ 2\delta(2n_0, -20) & \text{if } 3 \mid n - 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$R([5, 0, 9], 8n + 6) = \begin{cases} 2\delta(2n_0/9, -20) & \text{if } 9 \mid n - 6, \\ 2\delta(2n_0, -20) & \text{if } 3 \mid n - 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since  $\delta(2n_0, -20) = \delta(n_0, -5)$ ,  $\delta(2n_0/9, -20) = \delta(n_0/9, -5)$  and  $n_0 = 3^\beta n_1$  ( $3 \nmid n_1$ ), we see that for  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta(2n_0, -20) - \delta(2n_0/9, -20) \\ &= \sum_{k \mid n_0, k \nmid n_0/9} \binom{-5}{k} = \sum_{k \mid n_1} \left( \binom{-5}{3^\beta k} + \binom{-20}{3^{\beta-1}k} \right) = 2 \sum_{k \mid n_1} \binom{-5}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Now putting all the above together we obtain the result.

LEMMA 5.2 ([4, Theorem 6.1]). *Let  $i, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i \mid 30$  and  $in = 2^{\alpha_i} 3^{\beta_i} 5^{\gamma_i} n_0$  with  $(n_0, 30) = 1$ . Let  $m \in \{7, 11, 23\}$  and*

$$A_i = \begin{cases} [i, 0, 15m/i] & \text{if } 2 \nmid i, \\ \left[ i, i, \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{i}{2} + \frac{15m}{i/2} \right) \right] & \text{if } 2 \mid i. \end{cases}$$

*Then  $R(A_i, n) > 0$  if and only if  $2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0$  for every prime  $q$  with  $\left(\frac{-15m}{q}\right) = -1$ ,  $\left(\frac{-1}{n_0}\right) = (-1)^{((m+1)/4)\alpha_i + \beta_i}$ ,  $\left(\frac{n_0}{3}\right) = (-1)^{\alpha_i + [(m+2)/3]\beta_i + \gamma_i}$  and  $\left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right) = (-1)^{\alpha_i + \beta_i + [(m-3)/5]\gamma_i}$ . Moreover, if  $R(A_i, n) > 0$ , then*

$$R(A_i, n) = 2 \prod_{\left(\frac{-15m}{p}\right)=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0).$$

THEOREM 5.10. *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \{7, 11, 23\}$ ,  $a \in \{1, 5, m, 5m\}$  and  $12n + (3a + 5m/a)/2 = 5^\gamma n_0$  ( $5 \nmid n_0$ ). Then  $n$  is represented by  $a(x^2 - x)/2 + \frac{5m}{a}(3y^2 - y)/2$  if and only if  $2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0$  for every prime  $q$  with  $\left(\frac{-15m}{q}\right) = -1$*

and

$$\left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{\lfloor (m-3)/5 \rfloor \gamma} & \text{if } a = 1, \\ (-1)^{\lfloor (m-3)/5 \rfloor (\gamma+1)} & \text{if } a = 5, \\ (-1)^{1+\lfloor (m-3)/5 \rfloor (\gamma+1)} & \text{if } a = m, \\ (-1)^{1+\lfloor (m-3)/5 \rfloor \gamma} & \text{if } a = 5m. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if the above conditions hold, then

$$r\left(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + \frac{5m}{a}(3y^2 - y)/2\right) = \prod_{\substack{p \\ \left(\frac{-15m}{p}\right)=1}} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0).$$

*Proof.* As  $3a + 5m/a \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , we see that  $R([3a, 0, 20m/a], 24n + 3a + 5m/a) = R([12a, 0, 20m/a], 24n + 3a + 5m/a) = 0$ . Hence, using Lemma 5.1 we get

$$2r\left(n = a\frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{5m}{a} \cdot \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = R([3a, 0, 5m/a], 24n + 3a + 5m/a).$$

From  $12n + (3a + 5m/a)/2 = 5^\gamma n_0$  we deduce that  $n_0 \equiv (3a + 5m/a)/2 \equiv a(3 + 5m)/2 \equiv a(m-1)/2 \pmod{4}$  and  $(-1)^\gamma n_0 \equiv 5^\gamma n_0 \equiv m/a \equiv am \pmod{3}$ . Thus

$$\left(\frac{-1}{n_0}\right) = (-1)^{(m-1-2a)/4}, \quad \left(\frac{n_0}{3}\right) = (-1)^\gamma \left(\frac{am}{3}\right) = -(-1)^{\lfloor (m+2)/3 \rfloor + \gamma} \left(\frac{a}{3}\right).$$

For  $a = 1$  we have  $3(24n + 3 + 5m) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^\gamma n_0$ . For  $a = 5$  we have  $15(24n + 15 + m) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^{\gamma+1} n_0$ . For  $a = m$  we have  $5(24n + 5 + 3m) = 2 \cdot 5^{\gamma+1} n_0$ . For  $a = 5m$  we have  $24n + 1 + 15m = 2 \cdot 5^\gamma n_0$ . Thus applying the above and Lemma 5.2 we deduce the result.

Using Lemma 5.1 and [4, Theorems 6.2 and 6.3] one can similarly prove the following result.

**THEOREM 5.11.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \{13, 17\}$ ,  $a \in \{1, 7, m, 7m\}$  and  $12n + (3a + 7m/a)/2 = 7^\gamma n_0$  ( $7 \nmid n_0$ ). Then  $n$  is represented by  $a(x^2 - x)/2 + \frac{7m}{a}(3y^2 - y)/2$  if and only if  $2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0$  for every prime  $q$  with  $\left(\frac{-21m}{q}\right) = -1$  and*

$$n_0 \equiv \begin{cases} 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7} & \text{if } a = 1, 7, \\ 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7} & \text{if } a = m, 7m. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if the above conditions hold, then

$$r\left(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + \frac{7m}{a}(3y^2 - y)/2\right) = \prod_{\substack{p \\ \left(\frac{-21m}{p}\right)=1}} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0).$$

Let  $\mu(n)$  denote the Möbius function. Using Lemma 5.1 and [4, Theorem 8.1] one can similarly deduce the following result.

**THEOREM 5.12.** *Let  $a, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a \mid 455$  and  $12n + (3a + 455/a)/2 = 5^\gamma 7^\delta n_0$  with  $(n_0, 35) = 1$ . Then  $n$  is represented by  $a(x^2 - x)/2 + \frac{455}{a}(3y^2 - y)/2$*

if and only if  $2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0$  for every prime  $q$  with  $\left(\frac{-1365}{q}\right) = -1$  and  $\left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right) = -\left(\frac{n_0}{7}\right) = (-1)^{\gamma+\delta} \mu(a)$ . Moreover, if the above conditions hold, then

$$r\left(n = a(x^2 - x)/2 + \frac{455}{a}(3y^2 - y)/2\right) = \prod_{\left(\frac{-1365}{p}\right)=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0).$$

REMARK 5.1. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $4n + 1 = 5^\alpha n_0 = 3^\beta n_1$  with  $5 \nmid n_0$  and  $3 \nmid n_1$ . By [2, Theorem 4.4] we have

$$(5.2) \quad r\left(n = \frac{3x^2 - x}{2} + 5\frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \frac{1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)}{2} \sum_{k|n_1} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right).$$

Suppose  $n_1 = 5^\alpha n_2$ . Then  $5 \nmid n_2$  and  $n_0 = 3^\beta n_2$ . Since  $n_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $n_1 \equiv (-1)^\beta \pmod{4}$ , we have  $\left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{n_0}\right) = \left(\frac{-5}{n_0}\right) = \left(\frac{-5}{3^\beta n_2}\right) = \left(\frac{-5}{n_2}\right)$  and  $\sum_{k|n_1} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right) = \sum_{k|n_2} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right)$ . By (2.1),  $\sum_{k|n_2} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right) \neq 0$  implies  $\left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right) = \left(\frac{-5}{n_2}\right) = \prod_{p|n_2} \left(\frac{-5}{p}\right)^{\text{ord}_p n_2} = 1$ . Thus, by (5.2) we have

$$(5.3) \quad r\left(n = \frac{3x^2 - x}{2} + 5\frac{3y^2 - y}{2}\right) = \sum_{k|n_2} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right) = \sum_{k|n_1} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right).$$

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