

Representations by quaternary quadratic forms whose coefficients are 1, 3 and 9

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1. Introduction. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we set

$$(1.1) \quad \sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d,$$

where d runs through the positive divisors of n . If $n \notin \mathbb{N}$ we set $\sigma(n) = 0$.

For $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, we define

$$(1.2) \quad N(a, b, c, d; n) = \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + dt^2\}.$$

Clearly

$$(1.3) \quad N(a, b, c, d; 0) = 1.$$

For $q \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|q| < 1$ we have

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(a, b, c, d; n)q^n = \varphi(q^a)\varphi(q^b)\varphi(q^c)\varphi(q^d),$$

where $\varphi(q)$ denotes *Ramanujan's theta function*,

$$(1.5) \quad \varphi(q) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2}.$$

There are ten quaternary quadratic forms $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + dt^2$ with $a, b, c, d \in \{1, 3, 9\}$ and $1 = a \leq b \leq c \leq d$. Formulae for $N(a, b, c, d; n)$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) with $(a, b, c, d) = (1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1, 3), (1, 1, 3, 3), (1, 3, 3, 3)$ appear in the literature (see [1], [2]). In this paper we treat the remaining six forms $(1, 1, 1, 9), (1, 1, 3, 9), (1, 1, 9, 9), (1, 3, 3, 9), (1, 3, 9, 9)$ and $(1, 9, 9, 9)$.

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DEFINITION 1.1. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $q \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|q| < 1$, we define

$$E_k = E_k(q) := \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{kn}).$$

The infinite product representation of $\varphi(q)$ is due to Jacobi [7]:

$$(1.6) \quad \varphi(q) = \frac{E_2^5}{E_1^2 E_4^2}.$$

DEFINITION 1.2. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we set

- (a) $A(n) := \sum_{d|n} d \left(\frac{12}{n/d} \right) = \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{d} \left(\frac{12}{d} \right),$
- (b) $B(n) := \sum_{d|n} d \left(\frac{-3}{d} \right) \left(\frac{-4}{n/d} \right) = \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{d} \left(\frac{-3}{n/d} \right) \left(\frac{-4}{d} \right),$
- (c) $C(n) := \sum_{d|n} d \left(\frac{-3}{n/d} \right) \left(\frac{-4}{d} \right) = \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{d} \left(\frac{-3}{d} \right) \left(\frac{-4}{n/d} \right),$
- (d) $D(n) := \sum_{d|n} d \left(\frac{12}{d} \right) = \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{d} \left(\frac{12}{n/d} \right).$

It is shown in [2, Sections 4 and 8] for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ that

$$(1.7) \quad N(1, 1, 1, 3; n) = 6A(n) - 2B(n) + 3C(n) - D(n),$$

$$(1.8) \quad N(1, 3, 3, 3; n) = 2A(n) + 2B(n) - C(n) - D(n).$$

We determine an explicit formula for $N(1, 3, 3, 9; n)$ in terms of $\sigma(n/k)$ ($k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$) by using the formula for $N(1, 1, 3, 3; n)$ proved in [1, p. 297] (see Theorem 1.1). We use the formulae for $N(1, 1, 1, 3; n)$ and $N(1, 3, 3, 3; n)$ proved in [2, pp. 228, 231] to determine explicit formulae for $N(1, 1, 3, 9; n)$ and $N(1, 3, 9, 9; n)$ in terms of $A(n)$, $B(n)$, $C(n)$ and $D(n)$ (see Theorems 1.2 and 1.3). Finally, we use the (p, k) -parametrization of $\varphi(q)$ given in [3] and [5] to determine explicit formulae for $N(1, 1, 1, 9; n)$, $N(1, 1, 9, 9; n)$ and $N(1, 9, 9, 9; n)$ in terms of $\sigma(n/k)$ ($k \in \{1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 36\}$) and the integers $c(n)$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) defined by

$$(1.9) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n = qE_6^4$$

(see Theorems 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6). Clearly $c(n) = 0$ if $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{6}$. It follows from [8, Vol. II, p. 374] (see also [11, p. 121]) that

$$c(n) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\substack{x,y=-\infty \\ n=x^2+3xy+3y^2 \\ x\equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ y\equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} (-1)^x x.$$

A numerical study showed that $c(n)$ cannot be expressed linearly in terms of $\sigma(n)$, $A(n)$, $B(n)$, $C(n)$ and $D(n)$ when $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$.

THEOREM 1.1. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$N(1, 3, 3, 9; n) = \begin{cases} 4\sigma(n) - 8\sigma(n/2) - 12\sigma(n/3) \\ +16\sigma(n/4) + 24\sigma(n/6) - 48\sigma(n/12) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ 2\sigma(n) - 4\sigma(n/2) + 8\sigma(n/4) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 1.2. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$N(1, 3, 9, 9; n) = \begin{cases} 2A(n/3) + 2B(n/3) - C(n/3) - D(n/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ 2A(n) - \frac{2}{3}B(n) + C(n) - \frac{1}{3}D(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 1.3. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$N(1, 1, 3, 9; n) = \begin{cases} 2A(n/3) + 2B(n/3) - C(n/3) - D(n/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ 4A(n) - \frac{4}{3}B(n) + 2C(n) - \frac{2}{3}D(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ 2A(n) - \frac{2}{3}B(n) + C(n) - \frac{1}{3}D(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 1.4. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) = \begin{cases} 2\sigma(n) + 4c(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \\ 12\sigma(n) - 24\sigma(n/2) & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 8\sigma(n/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \\ 6\sigma(n) - 12\sigma(n/2) & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 4\sigma(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \\ 24\sigma(n/3) - 48\sigma(n/6) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 1.5. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$N(1, 1, 9, 9; n) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) + \frac{8}{3}c(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \\ 4\sigma(n) - 8\sigma(n/2) & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 8\sigma(n/9) & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \\ \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \\ 8\sigma(n/9) - 32\sigma(n/36) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 1.6. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$N(1, 9, 9, 9; n) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}\sigma(n) + \frac{4}{3}c(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}, \\ 8\sigma(n/9) & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \\ 2\sigma(n) - 4\sigma(n/2) & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 8\sigma(n/9) - 32\sigma(n/36) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}$$

Theorems 1.1–1.3 appear to be new. In [12] Petr considered representations by the forms $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 9t^2$, $x^2 + y^2 + 9z^2 + 9t^2$, $x^2 + 9y^2 + 9z^2 + 9t^2$. A different formulation of Theorem 1.4 has been given by Lomadze [10, Theorem 1a, p. 120]. Theorem 1.5 is due to Lomadze [9, p. 161], who obtained it using the theory of modular functions. Our approach is more elementary.

We close this introduction by recalling the (p, k) -parametrization of theta functions introduced in [3]. We then use it to obtain the (p, k) -parametrization of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n$. As in [3, p. 178] we set

$$(1.10) \quad p(q) := \frac{\varphi^2(q) - \varphi^2(q^3)}{2\varphi^2(q^3)},$$

$$(1.11) \quad k(q) := \frac{\varphi^3(q^3)}{\varphi(q)}.$$

When there is no risk of confusion we write p for $p(q)$ and k for $k(q)$. The following results were proved in [3, Theorems 9, 10].

DUPLICATION PRINCIPLE.

$$p(q^2) = \frac{1 + p - p^2 - ((1 - p)(1 + p)(1 + 2p))^{1/2}}{p^2},$$

$$k(q^2) = \frac{(1 + p - p^2 + ((1 - p)(1 + p)(1 + 2p))^{1/2})k}{2}.$$

TRIPLICATION PRINCIPLE.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(q^3) &= 3^{-1}((-4 - 3p + 6p^2 + 4p^3) \\
 &\quad + 2^{2/3}(1 - 2p - 2p^2)((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3} \\
 &\quad + 2^{1/3}(1 + 2p)((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{2/3}), \\
 k(q^3) &= 3^{-2}(3 + 2^{2/3}(1 + 2p)((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3} \\
 &\quad + 2^{4/3}((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{2/3})k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ramanujan's discriminant function $\Delta(q)$ is defined by

$$(1.12) \quad \Delta(q) := qE_1^{24}$$

(see [13, eq. (92)], [14, p. 151]). It was shown in [4, eq. (3.32)] that

$$(1.13) \quad \Delta(q^6) = \frac{1}{256}p^6(1 + p)^6(1 - p)^2(1 + 2p)^2(2 + p)^2k^{12}.$$

By (1.9), (1.12) and (1.13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n &= qE_6^4 = (q^6E_6^{24})^{1/6} = \Delta(q^6)^{1/6} \\
 &= 2^{-4/3}p(1 + p)(1 - p)^{1/3}(1 + 2p)^{1/3}(2 + p)^{1/3}k^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using $p(1 + p) = 2^{-2}((1 + 2p)^2 - 1)$, we obtain the following result.

LEMMA 1.1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n &= 2^{-10/3}(1 - p)^{1/3}(1 + 2p)^{7/3}(2 + p)^{1/3}k^2 \\
 &\quad - 2^{-10/3}(1 - p)^{1/3}(1 + 2p)^{1/3}(2 + p)^{1/3}k^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Identities involving φ . In this section we obtain the (p, k) -parametrization of $\varphi(q^9)$ (Theorem 2.2) and deduce some identities involving $\varphi(q)$, $\varphi(q^3)$ and $\varphi(q^9)$, which are used in Sections 6–8 (see Theorems 2.3–2.5).

It was shown in [2, eq. (2.3)] that

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi(q) = (1 + 2p)^{3/4}k^{1/2},$$

$$(2.2) \quad \varphi(q^3) = (1 + 2p)^{1/4}k^{1/2}.$$

It is shown in [1, p. 297] that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.3) \quad N(1, 1, 3, 3; n) &= 4\sigma(n) - 8\sigma(n/2) - 12\sigma(n/3) + 16\sigma(n/4) \\
 &\quad + 24\sigma(n/6) - 48\sigma(n/12).
 \end{aligned}$$

Our first theorem gives an alternative formulation of the second part of the triplication principle.

THEOREM 2.1.

$$(2.4) \quad k(q^3) = \left(\frac{(1+2p)^{2/3} + 2^{2/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(2+p)^{1/3}}{3} \right)^3 k.$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{(1+2p)^{2/3} + 2^{2/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(2+p)^{1/3}}{3} \right)^3 k \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \left((1+2p)^2 + 3 \cdot 2^{2/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{4/3}(2+p)^{1/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 3 \cdot 2^{4/3}(1-p)^{2/3}(1+2p)^{2/3}(2+p)^{2/3} + 2^2(1-p)(2+p) \right) k \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \left(9 + 3 \cdot 2^{2/3}(1+2p)((1-p)(1+2p)(2+p))^{1/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 3 \cdot 2^{4/3}((1-p)(1+2p)(2+p))^{2/3} \right) k \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \left(3 + 2^{2/3}(1+2p)((1-p)(1+2p)(2+p))^{1/3} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2^{4/3}((1-p)(1+2p)(2+p))^{2/3} \right) k \\ &= k(q^3), \end{aligned}$$

by the second part of the triplication principle. ■

Theorem 2.1 enables us to give the (p, k) -parametrization of $\varphi(q^9)$.

THEOREM 2.2.

$$\varphi(q^9) = \frac{1}{3}(1+2p)^{1/12} \left((1+2p)^{2/3} + 2^{2/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(2+p)^{1/3} \right) k^{1/2}.$$

Proof. Replacing q by q^3 in (1.11) we obtain $\varphi^3(q^9) = \varphi(q^3)k(q^3)$. Then, by Theorem 2.1 and (2.2), we obtain

$$\varphi^3(q^9) = (1+2p)^{1/4} k^{1/2} \left(\frac{(1+2p)^{2/3} + 2^{2/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(2+p)^{1/3}}{3} \right)^3 k.$$

Taking the cube root of each side, we obtain the asserted formula. ■

THEOREM 2.3.

$$\varphi(q)\varphi^3(q^9) = \varphi^2(q)\varphi^2(q^9) - \frac{1}{3}\varphi^3(q)\varphi(q^9) + \frac{1}{3}\varphi^4(q^3).$$

Proof. This identity follows from (2.1), (2.2) and Theorem 2.2. ■

From Theorem 2.3 we obtain

$$(2.5) \quad 3 \frac{\varphi(q^9)}{\varphi(q)} = 1 + \left(\frac{9\varphi^4(q^3)}{\varphi^4(q)} - 1 \right)^{1/3},$$

which was proved in [6, p. 345].

THEOREM 2.4.

$$\varphi^2(q)\varphi^2(q^9) = \frac{1}{6}\varphi^4(q) - \frac{2}{3}\varphi^4(q^3) + \frac{3}{2}\varphi^4(q^9) + \frac{8}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n.$$

Proof. By (2.1) and Theorem 2.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^2(q)\varphi^2(q^9) &= \frac{1}{9}(1+2p)^{5/3}((1+2p)^{4/3} + 2^{5/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{2/3}(2+p)^{1/3} \\ &\quad + 2^{4/3}(1-p)^{2/3}(2+p)^{2/3})k^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{9}(1+2p)^3k^2 + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{5/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{7/3}(2+p)^{1/3}k^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{4/3}(1-p)^{2/3}(1+2p)^{5/3}(2+p)^{2/3}k^2. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 1.1, (2.1), (2.2), and Theorem 2.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{6}\varphi^4(q) - \frac{2}{3}\varphi^4(q^3) + \frac{3}{2}\varphi^4(q^9) + \frac{8}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(1+2p)^3k^2 - \frac{2}{3}(1+2p)k^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{1}{27}(-8p^3 - 12p^2 + 18p + 11)k^2\right. \\ &\quad\quad + \frac{1}{81} \cdot 2^{8/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{7/3}(2+p)^{1/3}k^2 \\ &\quad\quad + \frac{1}{27} \cdot 2^{7/3}(1-p)^{2/3}(1+2p)^{5/3}(2+p)^{2/3}k^2 \\ &\quad\quad + \left.\frac{1}{81} \cdot 2^{8/3}(1-p)^{4/3}(1+2p)^{1/3}(2+p)^{4/3}k^2\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{8}{3}(2^{-10/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{7/3}(2+p)^{1/3}k^2 \\ &\quad\quad - 2^{-10/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{1/3}(2+p)^{1/3}k^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{9}(1+6p+12p^2+8p^3)k^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{7/3}(2+p)^{1/3}k^2 \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{2^{5/3}}{9} + \frac{2^{5/3}(1-p)(2+p)}{9(1+2p)^2} + \frac{1}{2^{1/3}} - \frac{1}{2^{1/3}(1+2p)^2}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{4/3}(1-p)^{2/3}(1+2p)^{5/3}(2+p)^{2/3}k^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{9}(1+2p)^3k^2 + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{5/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{7/3}(2+p)^{1/3}k^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{4/3}(1-p)^{2/3}(1+2p)^{5/3}(2+p)^{2/3}k^2. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.4. ■

The following identity is a classical identity due to Jacobi [7]:

$$(2.6) \quad \varphi^4(q) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (8\sigma(n) - 32\sigma(n/4))q^n.$$

Replacing q by q^3 and q^9 in (2.6), we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad \varphi^4(q^3) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (8\sigma(n/3) - 32\sigma(n/12))q^n,$$

$$(2.8) \quad \varphi^4(q^9) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (8\sigma(n/9) - 32\sigma(n/36))q^n.$$

The Eisenstein series $L(q)$ is defined by

$$(2.9) \quad L(q) := 1 - 24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^n.$$

It was shown in [4, eq. (3.11), p. 33] that

$$(2.10) \quad L(q^6) - 2L(q^{12}) = -(1 + 2p - p^3 - \frac{1}{2}p^4)k^2.$$

For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$ we define

$$(2.11) \quad L_{i,k}(q) := \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv i \pmod{k}}}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^n.$$

It was shown in [3, eq. (14.6), p. 189] that

$$(2.12) \quad L_{1,2}(q^3) = \left(\frac{1}{8}p^3 + \frac{1}{16}p^4\right)k^2,$$

and in [3, p. 190] that

$$(2.13) \quad L_{1,3}(q) + 2L_{2,3}(q) = \frac{1}{9}(1 + 8p + 18p^2 + 8p^3 + p^4)k^2 \\ - \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{-1/3}(1 + 3p - 3p^2 - p^3)((1-p)(1+2p)(2+p))^{1/3}k^2.$$

Applying the duplication principle twice to $L_{1,3}(q) + 2L_{2,3}(q)$, we obtain

$$(2.14) \quad L_{1,3}(q^4) + 2L_{2,3}(q^4) = \frac{1}{36}(-2 - 2p + p^2)^2k^2 \\ + \frac{1}{72} \cdot 2^{2/3}(-4 - 6p + p^3)((1-p)(1+2p)(2+p))^{1/3}k^2.$$

THEOREM 2.5.

$$\varphi^3(q)\varphi(q^9) = 2L_{1,3}(q) + 4L_{2,3}(q) - 8L_{1,3}(q^4) - 16L_{2,3}(q^4) \\ - L(q^6) + 2L(q^{12}) + 8L_{1,2}(q^3) + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n.$$

Proof. By (2.1) and Theorem 2.2, we have

$$\varphi^3(q)\varphi(q^9) = \frac{1}{3}(1 + 2p)^3k^2 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{2/3}(1-p)^{1/3}(1+2p)^{7/3}(2+p)^{1/3}k^2.$$

On the other hand, by (2.10), (2.12), (2.13), (2.14), and Lemma 1.1,

$$2L_{1,3}(q) + 4L_{2,3}(q) - 8L_{1,3}(q^4) - 16L_{2,3}(q^4) \\ - L(q^6) + 2L(q^{12}) + 8L_{1,2}(q^3) + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n \\ = 2\left(\frac{1}{9}(1 + 8p + 18p^2 + 8p^3 + p^4)k^2 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{-1/3}(1 + 3p - 3p^2 - p^3)((1-p)(1+2p)(2+p))^{1/3}k^2\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - 8\left(\frac{1}{36}(-2 - 2p + p^2)^2k^2\right. \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{72} \cdot 2^{2/3}(-4 - 6p + p^3)((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3}k^2 \\
 & \quad + (1 + 2p - p^3 - \frac{1}{2}p^4)k^2 + 8(\frac{1}{8}p^3 + \frac{1}{16}p^4)k^2 \\
 & \quad + 4(2^{-10/3}(1 - p)^{1/3}(1 + 2p)^{7/3}(2 + p)^{1/3}k^2 \\
 & \quad \quad - 2^{-10/3}(1 - p)^{1/3}(1 + 2p)^{1/3}(2 + p)^{1/3}k^2) \\
 & = \frac{2}{9}(1 + 8p + 18p^2 + 8p^3 + p^4)k^2 \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{2/3}(1 + 3p - 3p^2 - p^3)((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3}k^2 \\
 & \quad - \frac{2}{9}(4 + 8p - 4p^3 + p^4)k^2 \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{9} \cdot 2^{2/3}(-4 - 6p + p^3)((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3}k^2 + (1 + 2p)k^2 \\
 & \quad + 2^{-4/3}(1 + 2p)^2((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3}k^2 \\
 & \quad - 2^{-4/3}((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3}k^2 \\
 & = \frac{1}{3}(1 + 2p)^3k^2 \\
 & \quad + ((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3}k^2 \left(\frac{2^{2/3}(1 + p + p^2)}{3} + \frac{(1 + 2p)^2}{2^{4/3}} - \frac{1}{2^{4/3}} \right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{3}(1 + 2p)^3k^2 \\
 & \quad + ((1 - p)(1 + 2p)(2 + p))^{1/3}k^2 \frac{4(1 + 2p)^2}{3 \cdot 2^{4/3}} \\
 & = \frac{1}{3}(1 + 2p)^3k^2 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2^{2/3}(1 - p)^{1/3}(1 + 2p)^{7/3}(2 + p)^{1/3}k^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.5. ■

3. Evaluation of $N(1, 3, 3, 9; n)$: Proof of Theorem 1.1. First, we prove the following lemma.

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

$$N(1, 3, 3, 9; n) = \begin{cases} N(1, 1, 3, 3; n/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ \frac{1}{2}N(1, 1, 3, 3; n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. If $n = x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2$, then $x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(1, 3, 3, 9; n) & = \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2\} \\
 & = \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2, x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\
 & = \text{card}\{(x_1, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = 9x_1^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2\} \\
 & = \text{card}\{(y, z, x_1, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = 3y^2 + 3z^2 + 9x_1^2 + 9t^2\} \\
 & = \text{card}\{(y, z, x_1, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n/3 = y^2 + z^2 + 3x_1^2 + 3t^2\} \\
 & = N(1, 1, 3, 3; n/3).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. If $n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 3t^2$, then $x^2 + y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, and so either $x \equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0$ or $x \not\equiv 0, y \equiv 0$ modulo 3. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(1, 1, 3, 3; n) &= \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 3t^2\} \\
 &= \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 3t^2, x \equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\
 &\quad + \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 3t^2, x \not\equiv 0, y \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\
 &= 2 \text{card}\{(x_1, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = 9x_1^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 3t^2, y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\
 &= 2 \text{card}\{(y, z, t, x_1) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = y^2 + 3z^2 + 3t^2 + 9x_1^2\} \\
 &= 2N(1, 3, 3, 9; n).
 \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, then clearly $N(1, 3, 3, 9; n) = 0$, which completes the proof of Lemma 3.1. ■

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Let $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. By Lemma 3.1 and (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.1) \quad N(1, 3, 3, 9; n) &= 4\sigma(n/3) - 8\sigma(n/6) - 12\sigma(n/9) + 16\sigma(n/12) \\
 &\quad + 24\sigma(n/18) - 48\sigma(n/36).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ we have the elementary identities

$$(3.2) \quad \sigma(n) - 4\sigma(n/3) + 3\sigma(n/9) = 0,$$

$$(3.3) \quad \sigma(n/2) - 4\sigma(n/6) + 3\sigma(n/18) = 0,$$

$$(3.4) \quad \sigma(n/4) - 4\sigma(n/12) + 3\sigma(n/36) = 0.$$

By substituting (3.2)–(3.4) into (3.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(1, 3, 3, 9; n) &= 4\sigma(n/3) - 8\sigma(n/6) - 4(4\sigma(n/3) - \sigma(n)) + 16\sigma(n/12) \\
 &\quad + 8(4\sigma(n/6) - \sigma(n/2)) - 16(4\sigma(n/12) - \sigma(n/4)) \\
 &= 4\sigma(n) - 8\sigma(n/2) - 12\sigma(n/3) + 16\sigma(n/4) \\
 &\quad + 24\sigma(n/6) - 48\sigma(n/12),
 \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 1.1 for $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. When $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, the assertion follows from Lemma 3.1 and (2.3). When $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, the assertion follows directly from Lemma 3.1.

4. Evaluation of $N(1, 3, 9, 9; n)$: Proof of Theorem 1.2. First, we prove the following lemma.

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

$$N(1, 3, 9, 9; n) = \begin{cases} N(1, 3, 3, 3; n/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ \frac{1}{3}N(1, 1, 1, 3; n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. The case $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ is trivial. The case $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ can be treated in a manner similar to the proof of Lemma 3.1. Thus, we prove the lemma only when $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. Clearly $n = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ if and only if $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. The only possible cases are $x \equiv 0, y \equiv 0, z \not\equiv 0$ or $x \equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0, z \equiv 0$ or $x \not\equiv 0, y \equiv 0, z \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} N(1, 1, 1, 3; n) &= \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2\} \\ &= \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2, x \equiv 0, y \equiv 0, z \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &\quad + \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2, x \equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0, z \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &\quad + \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2, x \not\equiv 0, y \equiv 0, z \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= 3 \text{card}\{(x_1, y_1, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = 9x_1^2 + 9y_1^2 + z^2 + 3t^2, z \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= 3 \text{card}\{(z, t, x_1, y_1) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = z^2 + 3t^2 + 9x_1^2 + 9y_1^2\} \\ &= 3N(1, 3, 9, 9; n), \end{aligned}$$

so

$$(4.1) \quad N(1, 3, 9, 9; n) = \frac{1}{3}N(1, 1, 1, 3; n), \quad n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \quad \blacksquare$$

The proof of Theorem 1.2 now follows from Lemma 4.1, (1.7) and (1.8).

5. Evaluation of $N(1, 1, 3, 9; n)$: Proof of Theorem 1.3. First, we prove the following lemma.

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

$$N(1, 1, 3, 9; n) = \begin{cases} N(1, 3, 3, 3; n/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ \frac{2}{3}N(1, 1, 1, 3; n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ \frac{1}{3}N(1, 1, 1, 3; n) & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Then $n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ if and only if $x \equiv y \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} N(1, 1, 3, 9; n) &= \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2\} \\ &= \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2, x \equiv y \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= \text{card}\{(x_1, y_1, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = 9x_1^2 + 9y_1^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2\} \\ &= \text{card}\{(z, x_1, y_1, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n/3 = z^2 + 3x_1^2 + 3y_1^2 + 3t^2\} \\ &= N(1, 3, 3, 3; n/3). \end{aligned}$$

Let $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. Then $n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ if and only if $x^2 + y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. Thus, either $x \equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, or $x \not\equiv 0, y \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} N(1, 1, 3, 9; n) &= \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2\} \\ &= 2 \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2, x \equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= 2 \text{card}\{(x_1, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = 9x_1^2 + y^2 + 3z^2 + 9t^2\} \\ &= 2 \text{card}\{(y, z, x_1, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = y^2 + 3z^2 + 9x_1^2 + 9t^2\} \\ &= 2N(1, 3, 9, 9; n). \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$(5.1) \quad N(1, 1, 3, 9; n) = 2N(1, 3, 9, 9; n), \quad n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}.$$

Then, by (4.1) and (5.1), we obtain

$$N(1, 1, 3, 9; n) = \frac{2}{3}N(1, 1, 1, 3; n), \quad n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}.$$

Let $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$. Then $n = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ if and only if $x \equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0, z \not\equiv 0$ or $x \not\equiv 0, y \equiv 0, z \not\equiv 0$ or $x \not\equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0, z \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} N(1, 1, 1, 3; n) &= \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2\} \\ &= 3 \text{card}\{(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2, \\ &\quad x \equiv 0, y \not\equiv 0, z \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= 3 \text{card}\{(x_1, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = 9x_1^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2, y \not\equiv 0, z \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= 3 \text{card}\{(y, z, t, x_1) \in \mathbb{Z}^4 \mid n = y^2 + z^2 + 3t^2 + 9x_1^2\} \\ &= 3N(1, 1, 3, 9; n), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Lemma 5.1. ■

Theorem 1.3 now follows from Lemma 5.1, (1.7) and (1.8).

6. Evaluation of $N(1, 1, 1, 9; n)$: Proof of Theorem 1.4. By Theorem 2.5 and (1.4), (2.10)–(2.14) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(1, 1, 1, 9; n)q^n &= 2L_{1,3}(q) + 4L_{2,3}(q) - 8L_{1,3}(q^4) - 16L_{2,3}(q^4) \\ &\quad - L(q^6) + 2L(q^{12}) + 8L_{1,2}(q^3) + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}}}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^n + 4 \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}}}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^n - 8 \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}}}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^{4n} \\
 &\quad - 16 \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}}}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^{4n} - \left(1 - 24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^{6n}\right) \\
 &\quad + 2\left(1 - 24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^{12n}\right) + 8 \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^{3n} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n \\
 &= 1 + 24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(n/6)q^n - 48 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(n/12)q^n \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}}}^{\infty} (2\sigma(n) - 8\sigma(n/4))q^n + \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}}}^{\infty} (4\sigma(n) - 16\sigma(n/4))q^n \\
 &\quad + 8 \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} \sigma(n/3)q^n + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating the coefficients of q^n ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), we obtain

$$(6.1) \quad N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) = \begin{cases} 2\sigma(n) + 4c(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \\ 4\sigma(n) - 16\sigma(n/4) & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 8\sigma(n/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \\ 2\sigma(n) - 8\sigma(n/4) & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 4\sigma(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \\ 24\sigma(n/6) - 48\sigma(n/12) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}$$

When $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ we have the elementary identity

$$(6.2) \quad \sigma(n) - 3\sigma(n/2) + 2\sigma(n/4) = 0.$$

Then

$$N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) = 4\sigma(n) - 16\sigma(n/4) = 12\sigma(n) - 24\sigma(n/2)$$

if $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$,

$$N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) = 2\sigma(n) - 8\sigma(n/4) = 6\sigma(n) - 12\sigma(n/2)$$

if $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$,

$$N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) = 24\sigma(n/6) - 48\sigma(n/12) = 24\sigma(n/3) - 48\sigma(n/6)$$

if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$,

which completes the proof of Theorem 1.4.

7. Evaluation of $N(1, 1, 9, 9; n)$: Proof of Theorem 1.5. By (1.4), Theorem 2.4, and (2.6)–(2.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(1, 1, 9, 9; n)q^n &= \varphi^2(q)\varphi^2(q^9) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}\varphi^4(q) - \frac{2}{3}\varphi^4(q^3) + \frac{3}{2}\varphi^4(q^9) + \frac{8}{3}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}\left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (8\sigma(n) - 32\sigma(n/4))q^n\right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{2}{3}\left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (8\sigma(n/3) - 32\sigma(n/12))q^n\right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{3}{2}\left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (8\sigma(n/9) - 32\sigma(n/36))q^n\right) + \frac{8}{3}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n)q^n \\
 &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/3) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/4)\right. \\
 &\quad \left.+ 12\sigma(n/9) + \frac{64}{3}\sigma(n/12) - 48\sigma(n/36) + \frac{8}{3}c(n)\right)q^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating the coefficients of q^n ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), and recalling that $c(n) = 0$ if $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{6}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7.1) \quad N(1, 1, 9, 9; n) &= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) + \frac{8}{3}c(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \\ \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/4) & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, \\ \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/3) + 12\sigma(n/9) & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \\ \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \\ \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/3) \\ \quad - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/4) + 12\sigma(n/9) \\ \quad + \frac{64}{3}\sigma(n/12) - 48\sigma(n/36) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

When $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ we have the elementary identity

$$(7.2) \quad \sigma(n) - 4\sigma(n/3) + 3\sigma(n/9) = 0.$$

Then, by (7.1), (6.2) and (7.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) &= \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/4) = 4\sigma(n) - 8\sigma(n/2) \quad \text{if } n \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, \\
 N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) &= \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/4) + 12\sigma(n/9) \\
 &= 8\sigma(n/9) \quad \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) &= \frac{4}{3}\sigma(n) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/3) - \frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/4) \\ &\quad + 12\sigma(n/9) + \frac{64}{3}\sigma(n/12) - 48\sigma(n/36) \\ &= 8\sigma(n/9) - 32\sigma(n/36) \quad \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 1.5.

8. Evaluation of $N(1, 9, 9, 9; n)$: Proof of Theorem 1.6. By (1.4) and Theorem 2.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(1, 9, 9, 9; n)q^n &= \varphi(q)\varphi^3(q^9) \\ &= \varphi^2(q)\varphi^2(q^9) - \frac{1}{3}\varphi^3(q)\varphi(q^9) + \frac{1}{3}\varphi^4(q^3) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(1, 1, 9, 9; n)q^n - \frac{1}{3}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(1, 1, 1, 9; n)q^n + \frac{1}{3}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N(1, 1, 1, 1; n)q^{3n}. \end{aligned}$$

Equating the coefficients of q^n ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), we obtain

$$(8.1) \quad N(1, 9, 9, 9; n) = N(1, 1, 9, 9; n) - \frac{1}{3}N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) + \frac{1}{3}N(1, 1, 1, 1; n/3).$$

From (2.7) we have

$$(8.2) \quad N(1, 1, 1, 1; n/3) = 8\sigma(n/3) - 32\sigma(n/12), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By Theorem 1.4, Theorem 1.5 and (8.2), we obtain

$$(8.3) \quad N(1, 9, 9, 9; n) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}\sigma(n) + \frac{4}{3}c(n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{6}, \\ 8\sigma(n/9) & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \\ 2\sigma(n) - 4\sigma(n/2) & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ -\frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/3) + 16\sigma(n/6) + 8\sigma(n/9) \\ \quad - \frac{32}{3}\sigma(n/12) - 32\sigma(n/36) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}$$

If $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$, then $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, and so by (6.2), we have

$$-\frac{16}{3}\sigma(n/3) + 16\sigma(n/6) - \frac{32}{3}\sigma(n/12) = 0,$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 1.6. ■

We conclude the paper by noting that for $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$N(1, 1, 9, 9; n) = \begin{cases} N(1, 1, 1, 1; n/9) & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ 2N(1, 9, 9, 9; n) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ \frac{1}{3}N(1, 1, 1, 9; n) & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \end{cases}$$

which follows from Theorem 1.4, Theorem 1.6 and (8.2). This result can also be proved independently of Theorems 1.4 and 1.6 in a similar manner to the proof of Lemma 5.1.

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