

The expansion of  $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{ak})(1 - q^{bk})$

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  be the sets of positive integers, integers and real numbers respectively. A negative integer  $d$  with  $d \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  is called a *discriminant*. The *conductor* of the discriminant  $d$  is the largest positive integer  $f = f(d)$  such that  $d/f^2 \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ .

For integers  $a, b$  and  $c$  with  $a, c > 0$  and  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , we use  $(a, b, c)$  to denote the form  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ . Two forms  $(a, b, c)$  and  $(a', b', c')$  are *equivalent* ( $(a, b, c) \sim (a', b', c')$ ) if there exist integers  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$  with  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1$  such that the substitution  $x = \alpha X + \beta Y$ ,  $y = \gamma X + \delta Y$  transforms  $(a, b, c)$  to  $(a', b', c')$ . The substitutions  $x = Y$ ,  $y = -X$  and  $x = X + kY$ ,  $y = Y$  imply

$$(1.1) \quad (a, b, c) \sim (c, -b, a) \sim (a, 2ak + b, ak^2 + bk + c) \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

(see also [D, p. 141]). We denote the equivalence class of  $(a, b, c)$  by  $[a, b, c]$ , and the form class group of discriminant  $d$  by  $H(d)$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Z}^2 = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a, c > 0$  and  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , we define

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

If  $(a, b, c) \sim (a', b', c')$ , it is known that (see [SW1])

$$(1.3) \quad R(a, b, c; n) = R(a, -b, c; n) = R(a', b', c'; n).$$

In this paper we extend some results in [SW2]. In particular, we show that for  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|q| < 1$ ,

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{ak})(1 - q^{bk}) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (R(a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b); 24n + a + b) - R(4(a + b), 12(a - b), 9(a + b); 24n + a + b)) q^n.$$

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In the special case  $a + b = 24$ , the result is equivalent to Theorem 2.2 of [SW2].

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b \in \{1, 2, 5\}$ , in Section 4, we determine the number of representations of  $n$  as

$$n = \frac{3x^2 - x}{2} + b \frac{3y^2 - y}{2}.$$

For example, we have

$$\left| \left\{ \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : n = \frac{3x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{3y^2 - y}{2} \right\} \right| = \sum_{k|(12n+1)} (-1)^{(k-1)/2}.$$

In Section 5 we show that if  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $2 \nmid k$ ,  $2 \mid n$ ,  $m < 20k$  and  $n > 9k$ , then

$$R(k, 2m, 20m; n) = R(k + 4m, 18m, 20m; n).$$

In addition to the above notation, we also use throughout this paper the following notation:  $\text{ord}_p n$  denotes the nonnegative integer  $\alpha$  such that  $p^\alpha \parallel n$  (that is,  $p^\alpha \mid n$  but  $p^{\alpha+1} \nmid n$ ),  $(a, b)$  is the greatest common divisor of the integers  $a$  and  $b$  (not both zero), and  $\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)$  is the Legendre–Jacobi–Kronecker symbol.

## 2. General formulas for $f_{a,b}(r, m; n)$ and $R_{a,b}(r, m; n)$

DEFINITION 2.1. For  $r, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{R}$ , we define

$$f(r, m; q) = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \{(1 - q^{mn+(m-r)/2})(1 - q^{mn+m})(1 - q^{mn+(m+r)/2})\} \quad (|q| < 1).$$

From Jacobi's triple product identity (cf. [HW, Theorem 352, p. 282 (with  $x = q^{m/2}$ ,  $z = -q^{-r/2}$ )] we know that

$$(2.1) \quad f(r, m; q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{(mn^2 - rn)/2} \quad (|q| < 1).$$

In particular,

$$f(1, 3; q) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{(3n^2 - n)/2} \quad (|q| < 1).$$

This is Euler's pentagonal number theorem.

DEFINITION 2.2. For  $a, b, r, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $2 \mid (a, b)(m - r)$ , we define  $f_{a,b}(r, m; n)$  by

$$f(r, m; q^a) f(r, m; q^b) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{a,b}(r, m; n) q^n$$

and  $R_{a,b}(r, m; n)$  by

$$R_{a,b}(r, m; n) = \left| \left\{ \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : n = a \frac{mx^2 - rx}{2} + b \frac{my^2 - ry}{2} \right\} \right|.$$

Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{a(mn^2-rn)/2} \right) \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{b(mn^2-rn)/2} \right) \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R_{a,b}(r, m; n) q^n \quad (|q| < 1). \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $a, b, r, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $2 \mid (a, b)(m - r)$ . Then*

$$f_{a,b}(r, m; n) = \begin{cases} \begin{aligned} & 2 \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 4amxy + 4am^2y^2 = 2mn + (a+b)r^2/4}} 1 \\ & - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 2amxy + am^2y^2 = 2mn + (a+b)r^2/4}} 1 \end{aligned} & \text{if } 2 \mid r, \\ \begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 8amxy + 16am^2y^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1 \\ & - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ (a(2m-1)^2 + b)x^2 + 8am(1-2m)xy + 16am^2y^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1 \end{aligned} & \text{if } 2 \nmid r \end{cases}$$

and

$$R_{a,b}(r, m; n) = \begin{cases} \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 2amxy + am^2y^2 = 2mn + (a+b)r^2/4}} 1 & \text{if } 2 \mid r, \\ \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 4amxy + 4am^2y^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1 & \text{if } 2 \nmid r. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* For  $c \in \{0, 1\}$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^{cn} q^{a(mn^2-rn)/2} \right) \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^{cn} q^{b(mn^2-rn)/2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a(mx^2-rx)/2 + b(my^2-ry)/2 = n}} (-1)^{c(x+y)} q^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a(mx^2+rx)/2 + b(my^2+ry)/2 = n}} (-1)^{c(x-y)} q^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a(4m^2x^2+4mrx)+b(4m^2y^2+4mry)=8mn}} (-1)^{c(x-y)} q^n \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ a(2mx+r)^2+b(2my+r)^2=8mn+(a+b)r^2}} (-1)^{c(x-y)} q^n \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv y \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ ay^2+bx^2=8mn+(a+b)r^2}} (-1)^{c(x-y)/(2m)} q^n \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{x,z \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ a(x+2mz)^2+bx^2=8mn+(a+b)r^2}} (-1)^{cz} q^n.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (2.1) and Definition 2.2 we have

$$(2.2) \quad f_{a,b}(r, m; n) = \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ a(x+2my)^2+bx^2=8mn+(a+b)r^2}} (-1)^y$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad R_{a,b}(r, m; n) = \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ a(x+2my)^2+bx^2=8mn+(a+b)r^2}} 1.$$

If  $2 \mid r$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ a(x+2my)^2+bx^2=8mn+(a+b)r^2}} (-1)^{cy} &= \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ a(2x+2my)^2+b(2x)^2=8mn+(a+b)r^2}} (-1)^{cy} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ a(x+my)^2+bx^2=2mn+(a+b)r^2/4}} (-1)^{cy}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ a(x+my)^2+bx^2=2mn+(a+b)r^2/4}} (-1)^y \\
&= \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ a(x+my)^2+bx^2=2mn+(a+b)r^2/4}} (1 + (-1)^y) - \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ a(x+my)^2+bx^2=2mn+(a+b)r^2/4}} 1 \\
&= \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ a(x+2my)^2+bx^2=2mn+(a+b)r^2/4}} 2 - \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ a(x+my)^2+bx^2=2mn+(a+b)r^2/4}} 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 4amxy + 4am^2y^2 = 2mn + (a+b)r^2/4}} 1 \\
&\quad - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r/2 \pmod{m} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 2amxy + am^2y^2 = 2mn + (a+b)r^2/4}} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we see that the result holds when  $2 \mid r$ .

If  $2 \nmid r$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ a(x+2my)^2 + bx^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} (-1)^y \\
&= \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m}, 2 \mid y \\ a(x+2my)^2 + bx^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m}, 2 \nmid y-x \\ a(x+2my)^2 + bx^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1 \\
&= \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ a(x+4my)^2 + bx^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ a(x+2m(2y-x))^2 + bx^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1 \\
&= \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 8amxy + 16am^2y^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1 \\
&\quad - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv r \pmod{2m} \\ (a(2m-1)^2 + b)x^2 + 8am(1-2m)xy + 16am^2y^2 = 8mn + (a+b)r^2}} 1.
\end{aligned}$$

This together with (2.2) and (2.3) yields the result in the case  $2 \nmid r$ . The proof is now complete.

We note that Theorem 2.1 can be viewed as a generalization of [SW2, Proposition 2.1].

### 3. The expansion of $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty}(1 - q^{ak})(1 - q^{bk})$

LEMMA 3.1 ([SW2, p. 356]). *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a, c > 0$  and  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
2 \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 &= R(a, b, c; n) - R(9a, 3b, c; n) \\
&\quad - R(4a, 2b, c; n) + R(36a, 6b, c; n).
\end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|q| < 1$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{ak})(1 - q^{bk}) \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( R(a+b, 12(a-b), 36(a+b); 24n+a+b) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - R(4(a+b), 12(a-b), 9(a+b); 24n+a+b) \right) q^n. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n' = 24n + a + b$ . Taking  $m = 3$  and  $r = 1$  in Theorem 2.1 and then applying Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{a,b}(1, 3; n) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 24axy + 144ay^2 = n'}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ (25a+b)x^2 - 120axy + 144ay^2 = n'}} 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( R(a+b, 24a, 144a; n') - R(9(a+b), 72a, 144a; n') \right. \\ & \quad \left. - R(4(a+b), 48a, 144a; n') + R(36(a+b), 144a, 144a; n') \right) \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( R(25a+b, -120a, 144a; n') - R(9(25a+b), -360a, 144a; n') \right. \\ & \quad \left. - R(4(25a+b), -240a, 144a; n') + R(36(25a+b), -720a, 144a; n') \right). \end{aligned}$$

For  $a', b', c', k \in \mathbb{Z}$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} (a', b', c') &\sim (c', -b', a') \sim (c', -2c'k - b', k^2c' + kb' + a') \\ &\sim (a' + kb' + k^2c', b' + 2kc', c'). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(9(25a+b), -360a, 144a) \sim (9(a+b), -72a, 144a)$ ,  $(4(25a+b), -240a, 144a) \sim (4(a+b), 48a, 144a)$  and  $(36(25a+b), -720a, 144a) \sim (36(a+b), 144a, 144a)$ . Hence using (1.3) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} R(9(25a+b), -360a, 144a; n') &= R(9(a+b), 72a, 144a; n'), \\ R(4(25a+b), -240a, 144a; n') &= R(4(a+b), 48a, 144a; n'), \\ R(36(25a+b), -720a, 144a; n') &= R(36(a+b), 144a, 144a; n'). \end{aligned}$$

Now combining the above we obtain

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 2f_{a,b}(1, 3; n) &= R(a+b, 24a, 144a; 24n+a+b) \\ & \quad - R(25a+b, -120a, 144a; 24n+a+b). \end{aligned}$$

From (1.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b, 24a, 144a) &\sim (a+b, -12(a+b) + 24a, 36(a+b) - 6 \cdot 24a + 144a) \\ &\sim (a+b, 12(a-b), 36(a+b)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& (25a + b, -120a, 144a) \\
& \sim (25a + b, 4(25a + b) - 120a, 4(25a + b) - 2 \cdot 120a + 144a) \\
& \sim (25a + b, 4b - 20a, 4(a + b)) \sim (4(a + b), 20a - 4b, 25a + b) \\
& \sim (4(a + b), -8(a + b) + 20a - 4b, 4(a + b) - (20a - 4b) + 25a + b) \\
& \sim (4(a + b), 12(a - b), 9(a + b)).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus applying the above and (1.3) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
2f_{a,b}(1, 3; n) &= R(a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b); 24n + a + b) \\
&\quad - R(4(a + b), 12(a - b), 9(a + b); 24n + a + b).
\end{aligned}$$

To see the result, we note that

$$(3.2) \quad \prod_{k=1}^{\infty}(1 - q^{ak})(1 - q^{bk}) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{a,b}(1, 3; n)q^n.$$

COROLLARY 3.1. For  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& R(a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b); 24n + a + b) \\
& \equiv R(4(a + b), 12(a - b), 9(a + b); 24n + a + b) \pmod{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

COROLLARY 3.2. Let  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m < 12k$  and  $2(m, 12k) \nmid n$ . Then

$$R(k, 2m, 12m; n + k) = R(k + 2m, 10m, 12m; n + k).$$

*Proof.* Set  $a = 2m$  and  $b = 24k - 2m$ . Then  $(a, b) = (2m, 24k) = 2(m, 12k)$  and so  $(a, b) \nmid n$ . Hence, by (3.2) we have  $f_{a,b}(1, 3; n) = 0$ . This together with (3.1) gives

$$R(a + b, 24a, 144a; 24n + a + b) = R(25a + b, 120a, 144a; 24n + a + b).$$

That is,

$$R(24k, 48m, 288m; 24(n + k)) = R(24k + 48m, 240m, 288m; 24(n + k)).$$

This yields the result.

REMARK 3.1. Let  $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, 11\}$ . Taking  $k = 1$  in Corollary 3.2 we see that if  $2 \mid n$ , then  $R(1, 2m, 12m; n) = R(2m + 1, 10m, 12m; n)$ . As  $(1, 2m, 12m) \sim (1, 0, m(12 - m))$  and  $(2m + 1, 10m, 12m) \sim (2m + 1, 2m - 4, 4) \sim (4, 4 - 2m, 2m + 1)$ , we deduce that

$$(3.3) \quad R(1, 0, m(12 - m); n) = R(4, 4 - 2m, 2m + 1; n).$$

When  $m \leq 6$ , (3.3) has been given in [SW2, Corollary 2.1]. For  $m \leq 5$  see also [KW].

LEMMA 3.2. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the form  $(a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b))$  is not equivalent to  $(4(a + b), \pm 12(a - b), 9(a + b))$ .

*Proof.* If  $(a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b)) \not\sim (4(a + b), \pm 12(a - b), 9(a + b))$ , then clearly  $(a + b, 12(b - a), 36(a + b)) \not\sim (4(a + b), \pm 12(a - b), 9(a + b))$ . Thus we only need to consider the case  $a \leq b$ . Now we assume  $a \leq b$ . Let

$$F_1 = \begin{cases} (144a, -24a, a + b) & \text{if } b > 143a, \\ (a + b, 24a, 144a) & \text{if } 23a \leq b \leq 143a, \\ (a + b, 22a - 2b, 121a + b) & \text{if } 7a \leq b < 23a, \\ (a + b, 20a - 4b, 100a + 4b) & \text{if } \frac{19}{5}a \leq b < 7a, \\ (a + b, 18a - 6b, 81a + 9b) & \text{if } \frac{17}{7}a \leq b < \frac{19}{5}a, \\ (a + b, 16a - 8b, 64a + 16b) & \text{if } \frac{5}{3}a \leq b < \frac{17}{7}a, \\ (a + b, 14a - 10b, 49a + 25b) & \text{if } \frac{13}{11}a \leq b < \frac{5}{3}a, \\ (a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b)) & \text{if } b < \frac{13}{11}a. \end{cases}$$

It is easily seen that  $F_1$  is a reduced form of discriminant  $-576ab$ . Using (1.1) we see that  $(a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b))$  is equivalent to  $F_1$ . Set

$$F_2 = \begin{cases} (144a, 120a, 25a + b) & \text{if } b \geq 119a, \\ (25a + b, -120a, 144a) & \text{if } 95a < b < 119a, \\ (25a + b, 2b - 70a, 49a + b) & \text{if } 15a < b \leq 95a, \\ (25a + b, 4b - 20a, 4a + 4b) & \text{if } 7a \leq b \leq 15a, \\ (4a + 4b, 20a - 4b, 25a + b) & \text{if } 2a \leq b < 7a, \\ (4(a + b), 12(a - b), 9(a + b)) & \text{if } b < 2a. \end{cases}$$

It is easily seen that  $F_2$  is also a reduced form of discriminant  $-576ab$ . Using (1.1) we see that  $(4(a + b), 12(a - b), 9(a + b))$  is equivalent to  $F_2$ . Clearly  $F_1$  is different from  $F_2$  and from the converse of  $F_2$ , and hence not equivalent to them, by Lagrange's theorem for reduced forms. Putting all the above together we obtain the result.

**THEOREM 3.2.** For  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $\{c_n\}$  be given by

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{ak})(1 - q^{bk}) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n q^n \quad (|q| < 1).$$

(i) Assume  $a = b$ ,  $a \mid n$  and  $p = 12n/a + 1$ . If  $p$  is a prime, then

$$c_n = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } p \text{ is represented by } x^2 + 36y^2, \\ -2 & \text{if } p \text{ is represented by } 4x^2 + 9y^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(ii) Assume  $a \neq b$ ,  $d = (a + b, 24(a, b))$  and  $p = (24n + a + b)/d$ . If  $p$  is a prime, then



$$c_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \text{ is represented by } \frac{a+b}{d}x^2 + \frac{12(a-b)}{d}xy + \frac{36(a+b)}{d}y^2, \\ -1 & \text{if } p \text{ is represented by } \frac{4(a+b)}{d}x^2 + \frac{12(a-b)}{d}xy + \frac{9(a+b)}{d}y^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* When  $a = b$  we set  $d = 2a$ . As

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b, 12(a - b)) &= (a + b, 24a - 12(a + b)) = (a + b, 24a) \\ &= (a, b)((a + b)/(a, b), 24a/(a, b)) \\ &= (a, b)((a + b)/(a, b), 24) = d, \end{aligned}$$

we see that  $((a + b)/d, 12(a - b)/d, 36(a + b)/d)$  and  $(4(a + b)/d, 12(a - b)/d, 9(a + b)/d)$  are primitive forms of discriminant  $-576ab/d^2$ . Set  $d_1 = ((a + b)/(a, b), 24)$ . Then  $d = (a, b)d_1$  and  $d_1 \mid 24$ . If  $d_1 \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then

$$576 \frac{ab}{d^2} = \frac{576}{d_1^2} \cdot \frac{a}{(a, b)} \cdot \frac{b}{(a, b)} \geq \frac{576}{4^2} > 4.$$

If  $d_1 \in \{6, 8, 12, 24\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{576ab}{d^2} &= \frac{576}{d_1^2} \cdot \frac{a}{(a, b)} \cdot \frac{b}{(a, b)} \geq \frac{576}{d_1^2} \left( \frac{a}{(a, b)} + \frac{b}{(a, b)} - 1 \right) \\ &\geq \frac{576}{d_1^2} (d_1 - 1) \geq d_1 - 1 > 4. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we always have  $-576ab/d^2 < -4$ . From Theorem 3.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{1}{2} \left( R(a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b); 24n + a + b) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - R(4(a + b), 12(a - b), 9(a + b); 24n + a + b) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( R\left(\frac{a + b}{d}, \frac{12(a - b)}{d}, \frac{36(a + b)}{d}; p\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - R\left(\frac{4(a + b)}{d}, \frac{12(a - b)}{d}, \frac{9(a + b)}{d}; p\right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

If  $p$  is not represented by  $((a + b)/d, 12(a - b)/d, 36(a + b)/d)$  and  $(4(a + b)/d, 12(a - b)/d, 9(a + b)/d)$ , by the above we have  $c_n = 0$ . If  $p$  is represented by  $((a + b)/d, 12(a - b)/d, 36(a + b)/d)$ , by [SW1, Lemma 5.2] and Lemma 3.2 we have

$$R\left(\frac{a + b}{d}, \frac{12(a - b)}{d}, \frac{36(a + b)}{d}; p\right) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } a \neq b, \\ 4 & \text{if } a = b \end{cases}$$

and

$$R\left(\frac{4(a + b)}{d}, \frac{12(a - b)}{d}, \frac{9(a + b)}{d}; p\right) = 0.$$

Hence  $c_n = 1$  or  $2$  according as  $a \neq b$  or  $a = b$ . Similarly, if  $p$  is represented by  $(4(a + b)/d, 12(a - b)/d, 9(a + b)/d)$ , by [SW1, Lemma 5.2], Lemma 3.2

and the above we have  $c_n = -1$  or  $-2$  according as  $a \neq b$  or  $a = b$ . This concludes the proof.

For example, let

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2k})(1 - q^{3k}) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n q^n \quad (|q| < 1).$$

If  $p = 24n + 5$  is a prime, taking  $a = 3$  and  $b = 2$  in Theorem 3.2 we have

$$c_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \text{ is represented by } 5x^2 + 12xy + 180y^2, \\ -1 & \text{if } p \text{ is represented by } 20x^2 + 12xy + 45y^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

REMARK 3.2. Let

$$q \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{12k})^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_{12}(n) q^n \quad (|q| < 1).$$

The value of  $\phi_{12}(n)$  has been given in [SW2, Theorem 4.5(iv)]. It is easily seen that

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{ak})^2 = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \phi_{12}(12m + 1) q^{am} \quad (|q| < 1).$$

For  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$  let

$$(3.4) \quad \phi(a, b; n) = \frac{1}{2} (R(a + b, 12(a - b), 36(a + b); 24n + a + b) - R(4(a + b), 12(a - b), 9(a + b); 24n + a + b)).$$

From Corollary 3.1 we know that  $\phi(a, b; n) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For a rational number  $m$  we let

$$\sigma(m) = \begin{cases} \sum_{d|m} d & \text{if } m \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are two sequences satisfying

$$a_1 = b_1 \quad \text{and} \quad b_n + a_1 b_{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1} b_1 = n a_n \quad (n = 2, 3, \dots),$$

we say that  $(a_n, b_n)$  is a *Newton–Euler pair* as in [S]. Now we state the following result.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $(\phi(a, b; n), -a\sigma(n/a) - b\sigma(n/b))$  is a Newton–Euler pair. That is, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$a\sigma\left(\frac{n}{a}\right) + b\sigma\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( a\sigma\left(\frac{k}{a}\right) + b\sigma\left(\frac{k}{b}\right) \right) \phi(a, b; n - k) = -n\phi(a, b; n).$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $q \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $|q| < 1$ . As

$$1 - q^n = \prod_{r=0}^{n-1} (1 - e^{2\pi ir/n} q),$$

applying Theorem 3.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(a, b; n) q^n &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{ak})(1 - q^{bk}) \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \prod_{r=0}^{ak-1} (1 - e^{2\pi ir/(ak)} q) \prod_{s=0}^{bk-1} (1 - e^{2\pi is/(bk)} q). \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{ak-1} (e^{2\pi ir/(ak)})^n + \sum_{s=0}^{bk-1} (e^{2\pi is/(bk)})^n \right\} \\ = \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{N} \\ ak|n}} ak + \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{N} \\ bk|n}} bk = a\sigma(n/a) + b\sigma(n/b). \end{aligned}$$

From the above and [S, Example 1, p. 103] we deduce the result.

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a, b; n) &= \\ \sum_{k_1+2k_2+\dots+nk_n=n} & (-1)^{k_1+\dots+k_n} \frac{(a\sigma(1/a)+b\sigma(1/b))^{k_1} \dots (a\sigma(n/a)+b\sigma(n/b))^{k_n}}{1^{k_1} \cdot k_1! \dots n^{k_n} \cdot k_n!}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* This is immediate from Theorem 3.3 and [S, Theorem 2.2].

**REMARK 3.3.** For  $a \in \{1, 2, \dots, 12\}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by (3.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\phi(a, 24 - a; n) &= R(24, 12(2a - 24), 36 \cdot 24; 24n + 24) \\ &\quad - R(4 \cdot 24, 12(2a - 24), 9 \cdot 24; 24n + 24) \\ &= R(1, a - 12, 36; n + 1) - R(4, a - 12, 9; n + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for  $n > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2\phi(a, 24 - a; n - 1) &= R(1, 12 - a, 36; n) - R(4, 12 - a, 9; n) \\ &= R\left(1, \frac{1}{2}(1 - (-1)^a), \frac{1}{4}\left(24a - a^2 + \frac{1}{2}(1 - (-1)^a)\right); n\right) \\ &\quad - R(4, 4 - a, a + 1; n). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $\phi(a, 24 - a; 0) = 1$ . Using [SW2, Theorems 2.2, 7.2 and 8.2] we see that  $\phi(a, 24 - a; n - 1)$  is a multiplicative function of  $n$  for  $a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$ .

The values of  $\phi(a, 24 - a; n - 1)$  ( $a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$ ) have been given in [SW2, Theorems 4.4 and 4.5].

#### 4. Formulas for $R_{1,1}(1, 3; n)$ , $R_{1,2}(1, 3; n)$ and $R_{1,5}(1, 3; n)$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2R_{a,b}(1, 3; n) &= R(a + b, 12a, 36a; 24n + a + b) \\ &\quad - R(9(a + b), 36a, 36a; 24n + a + b) \\ &\quad - R(4(a + b), 24a, 36a; 24n + a + b) \\ &\quad + R(36(a + b), 72a, 36a; 24n + a + b). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.1 we have

$$R_{a,b}(1, 3; n) = \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 12axy + 36ay^2 = 24n + a + b}} 1.$$

Now applying Lemma 3.1 we obtain the result.

**COROLLARY 4.1.** *If  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $3 \nmid (a + b)$  and  $4 \nmid (a + b)$ , then*

$$R_{a,b}(1, 3; n) = \frac{1}{2}R(a + b, 6(a - b), 9(a + b); 24n + a + b).$$

*Proof.* From Theorem 4.1 we have

$$2R_{a,b}(1, 3; n) = R(a + b, 12a, 36a; 24n + a + b).$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b, 12a, 36a) &\sim (a + b, -3 \cdot 2(a + b) + 12a, 9(a + b) - 3 \cdot 12a + 36a) \\ &\sim (a + b, 6(a - b), 9(a + b)). \end{aligned}$$

By the above and (1.3) we obtain the result.

**LEMMA 4.1** ([SW1, Lemma 4.1]). *Let  $d$  be a discriminant and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

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

where in the product  $p$  runs over all distinct primes such that  $p \mid n$  and  $\left(\frac{d}{p}\right) = 1$ .

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

$$\left| \left\{ \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : n = \frac{3x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{3y^2 - y}{2} \right\} \right| = \sum_{k|12n+1} (-1)^{(k-1)/2}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \prod_{p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}} (1 + \text{ord}_p(12n + 1)) \\ \text{if } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q(12n + 1) \text{ for every prime } q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ 0 \text{ otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $p$  runs over all primes satisfying  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $p \mid (12n + 1)$ .

*Proof.* By Corollary 4.1 we have  $R_{1,1}(1, 3; n) = \frac{1}{2}R(2, 0, 18; 24n + 2) = \frac{1}{2}R(1, 0, 9; 12n + 1)$ . Since  $H(-36) = \{[1, 0, 9], [2, 2, 5]\}$  and  $f(-36) = 3$ , by [SW1, Theorem 9.3] and Lemma 4.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(1, 0, 9; 12n + 1) &= \begin{cases} \left(1 + \left(\frac{12n+1}{3}\right)\right) \prod_{\left(\frac{-4}{p}\right)=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p(12n + 1)) \\ \text{if } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q(12n + 1) \text{ for every prime } q \text{ with } \left(\frac{-4}{q}\right) = -1, \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &= 2 \sum_{k \mid (12n+1)} \left(\frac{-4}{k}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  runs over all primes satisfying  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $p \mid (12n + 1)$ . Thus the result follows.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $8n + 1 = 3^\alpha n_0$  ( $3 \nmid n_0$ ). Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left\{ \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : n = \frac{3x^2 - x}{2} + 3y^2 - y \right\} \right| &= \sum_{k \mid n_0} \left(\frac{-2}{k}\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} \prod_{p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_0) \\ \text{if } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_0 \text{ for every prime } q \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}, \\ 0 \text{ otherwise,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  runs over all primes satisfying  $p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$  and  $p \mid n_0$ .

*Proof.* As  $(1, 4, 12) \sim (1, 0, 8)$  and  $(3, 4, 4) \sim (3, -2, 3)$ , by Theorem 4.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} &2R_{1,2}(1, 3; n) \\ &= R(3, 12, 36; 24n + 3) - R(27, 36, 36; 24n + 3) \\ &= R(1, 4, 12; 8n + 1) - R(9, 12, 12; 8n + 1) \\ &= \begin{cases} R(1, 4, 12; 8n + 1) = R(1, 0, 8; 8n + 1) & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3}, \\ R(1, 4, 12; 8n + 1) - R(3, 4, 4; (8n + 1)/3) \\ \quad = R(1, 0, 8; 8n + 1) - R(3, 2, 3; (8n + 1)/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

As  $H(-32) = \{[1, 0, 8], [3, 2, 3]\}$  and  $f(-32) = 2$ , by [SW1, Theorem 9.3] and Lemma 4.1, we see that for any odd positive integer  $m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} R(1, 0, 8; m) &= \begin{cases} \left(1 + \left(\frac{-1}{m}\right)\right) \prod_{\substack{(\frac{-8}{p})=1 \\ p \mid m}} (1 + \text{ord}_p m) \\ \text{if } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q m \text{ for every prime } q \text{ with } \left(\frac{-8}{q}\right) = -1, \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &= (1 + (-1)^{(m-1)/2}) \sum_{k \mid m} \left(\frac{-8}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} R(3, 2, 3; m) &= \begin{cases} \left(1 - \left(\frac{-1}{m}\right)\right) \prod_{\substack{(\frac{-8}{p})=1 \\ p \mid m}} (1 + \text{ord}_p m) \\ \text{if } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q m \text{ for every prime } q \text{ with } \left(\frac{-8}{q}\right) = -1, \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &= (1 - (-1)^{(m-1)/2}) \sum_{k \mid m} \left(\frac{-8}{k}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  runs over all primes satisfying  $\left(\frac{-8}{p}\right) = 1$  (i.e.,  $p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$ ) and  $p \mid m$ .

If  $n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3}$ , then  $3 \nmid (8n+1)$  and  $n_0 = 8n+1$ . By the above,

$$2R_{1,2}(1, 3; n) = R(1, 0, 8; 8n+1) = 2 \sum_{k \mid 8n+1} \left(\frac{-8}{k}\right) = 2 \sum_{k \mid 8n+1} \left(\frac{-2}{k}\right).$$

So the result is true. Now assume  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . From the above,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{1,2}(1, 3; n) &= (R(1, 0, 8; 8n+1) - R(3, 2, 3; (8n+1)/3))/2 \\ &= \sum_{k \mid 8n+1} \left(\frac{-8}{k}\right) - \sum_{k \mid \frac{8n+1}{3}} \left(\frac{-8}{k}\right) = \sum_{k \mid 8n+1, k \nmid \frac{8n+1}{3}} \left(\frac{-8}{k}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k \mid n_0} \left(\frac{-8}{3^\alpha k}\right) = \sum_{k \mid n_0} \left(\frac{-8}{k}\right). \end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma 4.1 the theorem is proved.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $4n+1 = 5^\alpha n_0 = 3^\beta n_1$  with  $5 \nmid n_0$  and  $3 \nmid n_1$ . Then*

$$\left| \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : n = \frac{3x^2 - x}{2} + 5 \frac{3y^2 - y}{2} \right\} \right| = \frac{1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)}{2} \sum_{k \mid n_1} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \prod_{p \equiv 1, 3, 7, 9 \pmod{20}} (1 + \text{ord}_p n_1) \\ \quad \text{if } n_0 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5} \text{ and } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q n_1 \text{ for} \\ \quad \text{every prime } q \equiv 11, 13, 17, 19 \pmod{20}, \\ 0 \quad \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $p$  runs over all primes satisfying  $p \equiv 1, 3, 7, 9 \pmod{20}$  and  $p \mid n_1$ .

*Proof.* As  $(1, 2, 6) \sim (1, 0, 5)$  and  $(3, 2, 2) \sim (2, -2, 3)$ , by Theorem 4.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2R_{1,5}(1, 3; n) &= R(6, 12, 36; 24n + 6) - R(54, 36, 36; 24n + 6) \\ &= R(1, 2, 6; 4n + 1) - R(9, 6, 6; 4n + 1) \\ &= \begin{cases} R(1, 2, 6; 4n + 1) = R(1, 0, 5; 4n + 1) & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3}, \\ R(1, 2, 6; 4n + 1) - R(3, 2, 2; (4n + 1)/3) \\ \quad = R(1, 0, 5; 4n + 1) - R(2, 2, 3; (4n + 1)/3) & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

As  $H(-20) = \{[1, 0, 5], [2, 2, 3]\}$  and  $f(-20) = 1$ , by [SW1, Theorem 9.3] and Lemma 4.1, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} R(1, 0, 5; 4n + 1) &= \begin{cases} \left(1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)\right) \prod_{\left(\frac{-20}{p}\right)=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p(4n + 1)) \\ \quad \text{if } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q(4n + 1) \text{ for every prime } q \text{ with } \left(\frac{-20}{q}\right) = -1, \\ 0 \quad \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &= \left(1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)\right) \sum_{k \mid 4n+1} \left(\frac{-20}{k}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  runs over all primes satisfying  $\left(\frac{-20}{p}\right) = 1$  (that is,  $p \equiv 1, 3, 7, 9 \pmod{20}$ ) and  $p \mid (4n + 1)$ .

If  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3}$ , then  $3 \nmid (4n + 1)$  and  $n_1 = 4n + 1$ . By the above we have

$$2R_{1,5}(1, 3; n) = R(1, 0, 5; 4n + 1) = \left(1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)\right) \sum_{k \mid 4n+1} \left(\frac{-5}{k}\right).$$

So the result is true. Now assume  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . From [SW1, Theorem 9.3] and Lemma 4.1 we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
& R(2, 2, 3; (4n+1)/3) \\
&= \begin{cases} \left(1 - \left(\frac{n_0/3}{5}\right)\right) \prod_{\substack{(-20) \\ p}=1} (1 + \text{ord}_p \frac{4n+1}{3}) \\ \text{if } 2 \mid \text{ord}_q \frac{4n+1}{3} \text{ for every prime } q \text{ with } \left(\frac{-20}{q}\right) = -1, \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \\
&= \left(1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)\right) \sum_{k \mid \frac{4n+1}{3}} \left(\frac{-20}{k}\right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  runs over all primes satisfying  $\left(\frac{-20}{p}\right) = 1$  and  $p \mid \frac{4n+1}{3}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{1,5}(1, 3; n) &= (R(1, 0, 5; 4n+1) - R(2, 2, 3; (4n+1)/3))/2 \\
&= \frac{1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)}{2} \left( \sum_{k \mid 4n+1} \left(\frac{-20}{k}\right) - \sum_{k \mid \frac{4n+1}{3}} \left(\frac{-20}{k}\right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)}{2} \sum_{k \mid n_1} \left(\frac{-20}{3^\beta k}\right) = \frac{1 + \left(\frac{n_0}{5}\right)}{2} \sum_{k \mid n_1} \left(\frac{-20}{k}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

This together with Lemma 4.1 completes the proof.

### 5. Formulas for $f_{a,b}(1, 5; n + \frac{a+b}{5}) + f_{a,b}(3, 5; n)$ when $5 \mid (a+b)$

LEMMA 5.1. *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a, c > 0$  and  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ .*

*Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2 \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{10} \\ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 \\
&= R(a, b, c; n) - R(4a, 2b, c; n) - R(25a, 5b, c; n) + R(100a, 10b, c; n).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Clearly

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2 \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{10} \\ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 \\
&= \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv \pm 1, \pm 3 \pmod{10} \\ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 = \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2 \nmid x \\ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2 \nmid x, 5 \mid x \\ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 \\
&= \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2 \mid x \\ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2 \nmid x \\ 25ax^2 + 5bxy + cy^2 = n}} 1 \\
&= R(a, b, c; n) - R(4a, 2b, c; n) - (R(25a, 5b, c; n) - R(100a, 10b, c; n)).
\end{aligned}$$

This proves the lemma.



**THEOREM 5.1.** *Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $5 \mid (a + b)$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} f_{a,b}(1, 5; n + (a + b)/5) + f_{a,b}(3, 5; n) \\ = \frac{1}{2} (R((a + b)/5, 8a, 80a; 8n + 9(a + b)/5) \\ - R(16a + (a + b)/5, 72a, 80a; 8n + 9(a + b)/5)). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Set  $n' = 40n + 9(a + b)$ . From Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 5.1 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} f_{a,b}(1, 5; n + (a + b)/5) + f_{a,b}(3, 5; n) \\ = \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{10} \\ (a+b)x^2 + 40axy + 400ay^2 = n'}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{10} \\ (81a+b)x^2 - 360axy + 400ay^2 = n'}} 1 \\ = \frac{1}{2} (R(a + b, 40a, 400a; n') - R(4(a + b), 80a, 400a; n') \\ - R(25(a + b), 200a, 400a; n') + R(100(a + b), 400a, 400a; n')) \\ - \frac{1}{2} (R(81a + b, -360a, 400a; n') - R(4(81a + b), -720a, 400a; n') \\ - R(25(81a + b), -1800a, 400a; n') + R(100(81a + b), -3600a, 400a; n')). \end{aligned}$$

For  $a', b', c', k \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $(a', b', c') \sim (a' + kb' + k^2c', b' + 2kc', c')$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (4(81a + b), -720a, 400a) &\sim (4(a + b), 80a, 400a), \\ (25(81a + b), -1800a, 400a) &\sim (25(a + b), -200a, 400a), \\ (100(81a + b), -3600a, 400a) &\sim (100(a + b), -400a, 400a). \end{aligned}$$

Hence applying (1.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(4(81a + b), -720a, 400a; n') &= R(4(a + b), 80a, 400a; n'), \\ R(25(81a + b), -1800a, 400a; n') &= R(25(a + b), 200a, 400a; n'), \\ R(100(81a + b), -3600a, 400a; n') &= R(100(a + b), 400a, 400a; n'). \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_{a,b}(1, 5; n + (a + b)/5) + f_{a,b}(3, 5; n) \\ = \frac{1}{2} (R(a + b, 40a, 400a; n') - R(81a + b, -360a, 400a; n')). \end{aligned}$$

This yields the result.

**THEOREM 5.2.** *Let  $a, c, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $a < 5c$ ,  $(a, 5c) \nmid n$  and  $(a, 5c) \nmid (n + c)$ . Then*

$$R(c, 8a, 80a; 8n + 9c) = R(16a + c, 72a, 80a; 8n + 9c).$$

*Proof.* Set  $b = 5c - a$ . Then  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(a, b) = (a, 5c - a) = (a, 5c)$ . Thus  $(a, b) \nmid n$  and  $(a, b) \nmid (n + c)$ . Hence  $f_{a,b}(1, 5; n + c) = f_{a,b}(3, 5; n) = 0$  by (2.1) and Definition 2.2. Now Theorem 5.1 yields the result.

**COROLLARY 5.1.** *Let  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m < 20k$  and  $2 \nmid n$ . Then*

$$R(k, 2m, 20m; n + 9k) = R(k + 4m, 18m, 20m; n + 9k).$$

*Proof.* Putting  $a = 2m$  and  $c = 8k$  in Theorem 5.2, we see that  $R(8k, 16m, 160m; 8n + 72k) = R(32m + 8k, 144m, 160m; 8n + 72k)$ . This yields the result.

**REMARK 5.1.** Let  $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, 19\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 10$  and  $2 \mid n$ . Putting  $k = 1$  in Corollary 5.1 we have  $R(1, 2m, 20m; n) = R(1 + 4m, 18m, 20m; n)$ . As  $(1, 2m, 20m) \sim (1, 0, m(20 - m))$  and  $(1 + 4m, 18m, 20m) \sim (1 + 4m, 2m - 4, 4) \sim (4, 4 - 2m, 4m + 1)$  we see that

$$(5.1) \quad R(1, 0, m(20 - m); n) = R(4, 4 - 2m, 4m + 1; n).$$

For  $m \leq 10$ , (5.1) has been given in [SW2, Corollary 2.3].

**THEOREM 5.3.** *Let  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k < 2m$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{2k, 4m-2k}(1, 4; n + m) + f_{2k, 4m-2k}(3, 4; n) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (R(m, 16k, 128k; 8n + 9m) - R(m + 24k, 112k, 128k; 8n + 9m)). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.1 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{2k, 4m-2k}(1, 4; n + m) + f_{2k, 4m-2k}(3, 4; n) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8} \\ 4mx^2 + 64kxy + 512ky^2 = 32n + 36m}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8} \\ (96k + 4m)x^2 - 448kxy + 512ky^2 = 32n + 36m}} 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2 \nmid x \\ mx^2 + 16kxy + 128ky^2 = 8n + 9m}} 1 - \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, 2 \nmid x \\ (24k + m)x^2 - 112kxy + 128ky^2 = 8n + 9m}} 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (R(m, 16k, 128k; 8n + 9m) - R(4m, 32k, 128k; 8n + 9m) \\ &\quad - R(24k + m, -112k, 128k; 8n + 9m) \\ &\quad + R(96k + 4m, -224k, 128k; 8n + 9m)). \end{aligned}$$

As  $(96k + 4m, -224k, 128k) \sim (128k, 224k, 96k + 4m) \sim (128k, -32k, 4m) \sim (4m, 32k, 128k)$ , we have

$$R(96k + 4m, -224k, 128k; 8n + 9m) = R(4m, 32k, 128k; 8n + 9m).$$

Thus the result follows.

COROLLARY 5.2. Let  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k < 2m$ ,  $(k, 2m) \nmid (n + m)$  and  $(k, 2m) \nmid n$ . Then

$$R(m, 16k, 128k; 8n + 9m) = R(m + 24k, 112k, 128k; 8n + 9m).$$

*Proof.* As  $(k, 2m - k) = (k, 2m)$ , by (2.1) and Definition 2.2 we have  $f_{2k, 4m-2k}(1, 4; n + m) = f_{2k, 4m-2k}(3, 4; n) = 0$ . Now applying Theorem 5.3 we deduce the result.

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