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## ON THE GENERAL GAUSS SUMS AND THEIR FOURTH POWER MEAN

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### Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to study the fourth power mean of the general Gauss sums, and give two exact calculating formulae.

### 1. Introduction

For any Dirichlet character  $\chi \pmod{q}$ , the classical Gauss sums are defined by

$$G(n, \chi) = \sum_{b=1}^q \chi(b) e\left(\frac{nb}{q}\right),$$

where  $e(y) = e^{2\pi iy}$ . The various properties of  $G(n, \chi)$  appeared in many analytic number theory books (see references [1] and [2]). Perhaps the most famous properties of  $G(n, \chi)$  are the following identities:

$$G(n, \chi^*) = \overline{\chi^*(n)} \tau(\chi^*) \quad \text{and} \quad |\tau(\chi^*)| = \sqrt{q},$$

where  $\chi^*$  is a primitive character mod  $q$ ,  $\overline{\chi^*}$  is the conjugate character of  $\chi^*$ , and  $\tau(\chi^*) = G(1, \chi^*)$ . If  $\chi$  is a nonprimitive character modulo  $q$ , then the value distribution of  $\tau(\chi)$  is much irregular, even more is zero!

Let  $q \geq 3$  be a positive integer. For any integer  $n$  and positive integer  $k$ , we define the general  $k$ -th Gauss sums  $G(n, k, \chi; q)$  as follows:

$$G(n, k, \chi; q) = \sum_{b=1}^q \chi(b) e\left(\frac{nb^k}{q}\right).$$

The summation is very important, because it is a generalization of the classical Gauss sums  $G(n, \chi)$ . But about the properties of  $G(n, k, \chi; q)$ , we know very little at present. The value of  $|G(n, k, \chi; q)|$  is irregular as  $\chi$  varies. One can only get some upper bound estimates. For example, for any integer  $n$  with  $(n, q) = 1$ , from the gen-

eral result of Cochrane and Zheng [3] we can deduce

$$|G(n, 2, \chi; q)| \leq 2^{\omega(q)} q^{1/2},$$

where  $\omega(q)$  denotes the number of distinct prime divisors of  $q$ . The case that  $q$  is prime is due to Weil [5].

However, it is surprising that  $G(n, k, \chi; q)$  enjoys many good value distribution properties in some problems of weighted mean value. Also for  $k = 2$ , the first author studied the hybrid mean value of Dirichlet  $L$ -functions and the general quadratic Gauss sums, and obtained several interesting asymptotic formulae as follows (see references [6] and [7]):

**Proposition 1.** *For any integer  $n$  with  $(n, p) = 1$ , we have the asymptotic formulae*

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |G(n, 2, \chi; p)|^2 \cdot |L(1, \chi)| = C \cdot p^2 + O(p^{3/2} \ln^2 p)$$

and

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |G(n, 2, \chi; p)|^4 \cdot |L(1, \chi)| = 3 \cdot C \cdot p^3 + O(p^{5/2} \ln^2 p),$$

where  $L(s, \chi)$  denotes the Dirichlet  $L$ -function corresponding to the character  $\chi$  modulo  $p$ ,

$$C = \prod_p \left[ 1 + \frac{\binom{2}{1}^2}{4^2 \cdot p^2} + \frac{\binom{4}{2}^2}{4^4 \cdot p^4} + \dots + \frac{\binom{2m}{m}^2}{4^{2m} \cdot p^{2m}} + \dots \right]$$

is a constant,  $\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0}$  denotes the summation over all nonprincipal characters modulo  $p$ ,  $\prod_p$  denotes the product over all primes, and  $\binom{2m}{m} = (2m)!/(m!)^2$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime with  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Then for any fixed positive integer  $n$  with  $(n, p) = 1$ , we have the asymptotic formula*

$$\sum_{\chi \neq \chi_0} |G(n, 2, \chi; p)|^6 \cdot |L(1, \chi)| = 10 \cdot C \cdot p^4 + O(p^{7/2} \ln^2 p).$$

Let  $n$  be any integer with  $(n, p) = 1$ . The first author [5] also obtained the following two identities:

$$\sum_{\chi \pmod p} |G(n, 2, \chi; p)|^4 = \begin{cases} (p-1) \left[ 3p^2 - 6p - 1 + 4 \left( \frac{n}{p} \right) \sqrt{p} \right], & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ (p-1)(3p^2 - 6p - 1), & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod p} |G(n, 2, \chi; p)|^6 = (p - 1)(10p^3 - 25p^2 - 4p - 1), \text{ if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4},$$

where  $(n/p)$  is the Legendre symbol.

It is very natural to consider the calculating problem of the sum

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod q} |G(n, k, \chi; q)|^{2m},$$

and try to give some exact calculating formulae. For  $m = 1$ , we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \bmod q} |G(n, k, \chi; q)|^2 &= \sum_{\chi \bmod q} \sum_{a=1}^q \chi(a) e\left(\frac{na^k}{q}\right) \sum_{b=1}^q \bar{\chi}(b) e\left(-\frac{nb^k}{q}\right) \\ &= \phi(q) \sum_{a=1}^q e\left(\frac{na^k}{q} - \frac{na^k}{q}\right) = \phi^2(q), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum'_{a=1}^q$  denotes the summation over all  $a$  such that  $(a, q) = 1$ . In this paper, we study the sum

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod q} |G(n, k, \chi; q)|^4,$$

and give two exact calculating formulae. That is, we shall prove the following two main Theorems.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $3 \mid p - 1$ , then we have the identity*

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod p} |G(1, 3, \chi; p)|^4 = 5p^3 - 18p^2 + 20p + 1 + \frac{U^5}{p} + 5pU - 5U^3 - 4U^2 + 4U,$$

where  $U = \sum_{a=1}^p e(a^3/p)$  is a real constant.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $q \geq 3$  be a square-full number (i.e.  $p \mid q$  if and only if  $p^2 \mid q$ ),  $n, k$  be integers with  $(nk, q) = 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Then we have the identity*

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod q} |G(n, k, \chi; q)|^4 = q\phi^2(q) \prod_{p|q} (k, p - 1)^2 \prod_{\substack{p|q \\ (k, p-1)=1}} \frac{\phi(p-1)}{p-1},$$

where  $\prod_{p|q}$  denotes the product over all prime divisors of  $q$ , and  $\phi(q)$  is the Euler totient function.

For general integers  $m, k \geq 3$ , whether there exist some exact calculating formulae for

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod q} |G(n, k, \chi; q)|^{2m}$$

is an open problem.

## 2. Some Lemmas

To complete the proof of the Theorems, we need following several lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $3 \mid p-1$  and  $\chi_1$  be a cubic character mod  $p$ , then we have the identity*

$$\sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b^3 - 1) = \frac{\tau^3(\chi_1)}{p} - 2.$$

Proof. For any integer  $1 \leq a \leq p-1$ , it is easy to show that

$$(1) \quad 1 + \chi_1(a) + \chi_1^2(a) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } a \text{ is a cubic residue mod } p; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

So that

$$\sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b^3 - 1) = \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} (1 + \chi_1(b) + \chi_1^2(b)) \chi_1(b-1).$$

From the properties of cubic character we know that

$$(2) \quad \chi_1^2 = \overline{\chi_1}, \quad \chi_1(-1) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{\tau(\chi_1)} = \tau(\overline{\chi_1}),$$

therefore

$$\sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1^2(b) \chi_1(b-1) = \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \overline{\chi_1}(b) \chi_1(b-1) = \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(1 - \overline{b}) = \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b-1),$$

where  $\overline{b}$  is the inverse of  $b$  defined by  $b\overline{b} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and  $1 \leq \overline{b} \leq p-1$ . So we have

$$(3) \quad \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b^3 - 1) = 2 \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b-1) + \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b(b-1)) = \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b(b-1)) - 2.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^2(\chi_1) &= \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b) e\left(\frac{b}{p}\right) \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(-c) e\left(-\frac{c}{p}\right) = \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(bc) \chi_1(c) e\left(\frac{c(b-1)}{p}\right) \\ &= \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b) \overline{\chi_1}(c) e\left(\frac{c(b-1)}{p}\right) = \overline{\tau(\chi_1)} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b(b-1)). \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$(4) \quad \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b(b-1)) = \frac{\tau^3(\chi_1)}{p}.$$

Now combining (3) and (4) we immediately get

$$\sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b^3 - 1) = \frac{\tau^3(\chi_1)}{p} - 2.$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 1. □

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $3 \mid p-1$  and  $\chi_1$  be a cubic character mod  $p$ , then we have the following identities*

$$\begin{cases} \tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)} = U; \\ \tau^2(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^2(\chi_1)} = U^2 - 2p; \\ \tau^5(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^5(\chi_1)} = U^5 + 5p^2U - 5pU^3. \end{cases}$$

Proof. From formula (1) we have

$$\sum_{b=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{b^3}{p}\right) = -1 + \tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)},$$

therefore

$$\tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)} = U.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} U^2 &= (\tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)})^2 = \tau^2(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^2(\chi_1)} + 2p, \\ U^3 &= (\tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)})^3 = \tau^3(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^3(\chi_1)} + 3p(\tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$U^5 = (\tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)})^5 = \tau^5(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^5(\chi_1)} + 5p(\tau^3(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^3(\chi_1)}) + 10p^2(\tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)}),$$

So we easily get

$$\tau^2(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^2(\chi_1)} = U^2 - 2p \quad \text{and} \quad \tau^5(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^5(\chi_1)} = U^5 + 5p^2U - 5pU^3.$$

This proves Lemma 2.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $q$  be a square-full number. Then for any nonprimitive character  $\chi$  modulo  $q$ , we have the identity*

$$\tau(\chi) = G(\chi, 1) = \sum_{a=1}^q \chi(a) e\left(\frac{a}{q}\right) = 0.$$

Proof (see Theorem 7.2 of [4]).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $p$  be a prime,  $k$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be positive integers with  $(k, p) = 1$  and  $\alpha \geq \beta \geq 2$ ,  $a$  be any integer with  $(a, p) = 1$ . Then we have the identity*

$$\sum_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{ac^k}{p^\beta}\right) = 0.$$

Proof. Let  $d = (k, p - 1)$  and  $\chi_2$  be a  $d$ th-order character mod  $p$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{ac^k}{p^\beta}\right) &= p^{\alpha-\beta} \sum_{c=1}^{p^\beta} e\left(\frac{ac^k}{p^\beta}\right) = p^{\alpha-\beta} \sum_{c=1}^{p^\beta} [1 + \chi_2(c) + \dots + \chi_2^{d-1}(c)] e\left(\frac{ac}{p^\beta}\right) \\ &= p^{\alpha-\beta} \left( \sum_{c=1}^{p^\beta} e\left(\frac{c}{p^\beta}\right) + \overline{\chi_2}(a) \sum_{c=1}^{p^\beta} \chi_2(c) e\left(\frac{c}{p^\beta}\right) + \dots + \overline{\chi_2}^{d-1}(a) \sum_{c=1}^{p^\beta} \chi_2^{d-1}(c) e\left(\frac{c}{p^\beta}\right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

From the properties of Dirichlet characters and Lemma 3 we can get

$$\sum_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{ac^k}{p^\beta}\right) = 0.$$

This proves Lemma 4.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $p$  be a prime,  $k$  and  $\alpha$  be positive integers with  $(k, p) = 1$  and  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $n$  be any integer with  $(n, p) = 1$ . Let  $d = (k, p - 1)$ , then we have the identity*

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod p^\alpha} |G(n, k, \chi, p^\alpha)|^4 = \begin{cases} p^\alpha \phi^2(p^\alpha) \cdot \frac{\phi(p-1)}{p-1}, & \text{if } d = 1; \\ d^2 p^\alpha \phi^2(p^\alpha), & \text{if } d > 1. \end{cases}$$

Proof. If  $d = 1$ , then from Lemma 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \bmod p^\alpha} |G(n, k, \chi, p^\alpha)|^4 &= \sum_{\chi \bmod p^\alpha} \left| \sum_{b=1}^{p^\alpha} \chi^k(b) e\left(\frac{nb^k}{p^\alpha}\right) \right|^4 = \sum_{\chi \bmod p^\alpha} |\tau(\chi)|^4 \\ &= p^{2\alpha} \phi(\phi(p^\alpha)) = p^\alpha \phi^2(p^\alpha) \cdot \frac{\phi(p-1)}{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if  $d > 1$ , then  $p > 2$ . From the properties of Dirichlet characters mod  $p^\alpha$  we may get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \bmod p^\alpha} |G(n, k, \chi, p^\alpha)|^4 &= \phi(p^\alpha) \sum'_{b=1}^{p^\alpha} \left| \sum'_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{nc^k(b^k-1)}{p^\alpha}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= d\phi^3(p^\alpha) + \phi(p^\alpha) \sum'_{\substack{b=1 \\ p^\alpha \nmid b^k-1}}^{p^\alpha} \left| \sum'_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{nc^k(b^k-1)}{p^\alpha}\right) \right|^2 \\ (5) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= d\phi^3(p^\alpha) + \phi(p^\alpha)\Psi. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= \sum_{\beta=0}^{\alpha-1} \sum'_{\substack{b=1 \\ (b^k-1, p^\alpha)=p^\beta}}^{p^\alpha} \left| \sum'_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{nc^k(b^k-1)/p^\beta}{p^{\alpha-\beta}}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= \sum'_{\substack{b=1 \\ (b^k-1, p^\alpha)=p^{\alpha-1}}}^{p^\alpha} \left| \sum'_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{nc^k(b^k-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= \sum'_{\substack{b=1 \\ p^{\alpha-1} \mid b^3-1}}^{p^\alpha} \left| \sum'_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{nc^k(b^k-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2 - \sum'_{\substack{b=1 \\ p^\alpha \nmid b^k-1}}^{p^\alpha} \left| \sum'_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{nc^k(b^k-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ (6) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= \Omega - d\phi^2(p^\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Omega = \sum'_{\substack{b=1 \\ p^{\alpha-1} \mid b^3-1}}^{p^\alpha} \left| \sum'_{c=1}^{p^\alpha} e\left(\frac{nc^k(b^k-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2.$$



Let  $g$  be a primitive root mod  $p^\alpha$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= p^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ p^{\alpha-1}|b^k-1}}^{p^\alpha} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{nc^k(b^k-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= p^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{\substack{l=0 \\ p^{\alpha-1}|g^{lk}-1}}^{\phi(p^\alpha)-1} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{nc^k(g^{lk}-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= p^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{\substack{l=0 \\ \phi(p^{\alpha-1})|lk}}^{\phi(p^\alpha)-1} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{nc^k(g^{lk}-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $lk = s\phi(p^{\alpha-1})$ , where  $0 \leq s \leq dp - 1$ . Note that  $g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ ,

$$g^{s\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} - 1 = (g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} - 1)(g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})(s-1)} + \dots + g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} + 1)$$

and

$$g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})(s-1)} + \dots + g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} + 1 \equiv s \pmod{p},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= p^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{s=0}^{dp-1} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{nc^k(g^{s\phi(p^{\alpha-1})}-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= p^{2(\alpha-1)} \cdot d(p-1)^2 + dp^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{s=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{nc^k \cdot s \cdot (g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})}-1)/p^{\alpha-1}}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= d\phi^2(p^\alpha) + dp^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{s=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{c^k \cdot s}{p}\right) \right|^2 = dp^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{s=1}^p \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{c^k \cdot s}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= dp^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \sum_{d=1}^{p-1} \sum_{s=1}^p e\left(\frac{s(c^k-d^k)}{p}\right) = dp^{2(\alpha-1)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \sum_{d=1}^{p-1} \sum_{s=1}^p e\left(\frac{sd^k(c^k-1)}{p}\right) \\ (7) \quad &= d^2 p^{2(\alpha-1)} p(p-1) = d^2 p^\alpha \phi(p^\alpha).\end{aligned}$$

So for  $d > 1$ , from (5), (6) and (7) we get

$$\sum_{\chi \pmod{p^\alpha}} |G(n, k, \chi, p^\alpha)|^4 = d\phi^3(p^\alpha) + d^2 p^\alpha \phi^2(p^\alpha) - d\phi^3(p^\alpha) = d^2 p^\alpha \phi^2(p^\alpha).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 5.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $n, k, q_1$  and  $q_2$  be integers with  $(q_1, q_2) = 1$ . Then for any character  $\chi \pmod{q_1q_2}$ , we have the identity*

$$|G(n, k, \chi; q_1q_2)| = |G(nq_2^{k-1}, k, \chi_1; q_1)| \cdot |G(nq_1^{k-1}, k, \chi_2; q_2)|,$$

where  $\chi = \chi_1\chi_2$  with  $\chi_1 \pmod{q_1}$  and  $\chi_2 \pmod{q_2}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(q_1, q_2) = 1$ , so if  $a$  and  $b$  pass through a complete residue system mod  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  respectively, then  $aq_2 + bq_1$  passes through a complete residue system mod  $q_1q_2$ . Note that  $\chi = \chi_1\chi_2$  with  $\chi_1 \pmod{q_1}$  and  $\chi_2 \pmod{q_2}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |G(n, k, \chi; q_1q_2)| &= \left| \sum_{b=1}^{q_1q_2} \chi(b)e\left(\frac{nb^k}{q_1q_2}\right) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{a=1}^{q_1} \sum_{b=1}^{q_2} \chi_1(aq_2 + bq_1)\chi_2(aq_2 + bq_1)e\left(\frac{n(aq_2 + bq_1)^k}{q_1q_2}\right) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{a=1}^{q_1} \chi_1(aq_2)e\left(\frac{n(aq_2)^k}{q_1q_2}\right) \right| \cdot \left| \sum_{b=1}^{q_2} \chi_2(bq_1)e\left(\frac{n(bq_1)^k}{q_1q_2}\right) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{a=1}^{q_1} \chi_1(a)e\left(\frac{nq_2^{k-1}a^k}{q_1}\right) \right| \cdot \left| \sum_{b=1}^{q_2} \chi_2(b)e\left(\frac{nq_1^{k-1}b^k}{q_2}\right) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $|\chi_1(q_2)| = |\chi_2(q_1)| = 1$ . This proves Lemma 6. □

### 3. Proof of the theorems

In this section, we complete the proof of the Theorems. Let  $p$  be a prime with  $3 \mid p - 1$  and  $\chi_1$  be a cubic character mod  $p$ , from (1) and (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \pmod{p}} |G(1, 3, \chi; p)|^4 &= \sum_{\chi \pmod{p}} \left| \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi(b)e\left(\frac{b^3}{p}\right) \right|^4 \\ &= (p-1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{c^3(b^3-1)}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= (p-1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} (1 + \chi_1(c) + \bar{\chi}_1(c))e\left(\frac{c(b^3-1)}{p}\right) \right|^2 \\ &= (p-1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{c(b^3-1)}{p}\right) + \bar{\chi}_1(b^3-1)\tau(\chi_1) + \chi_1(b^3-1)\overline{\tau(\chi_1)} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3(p-1)^3 + (p-1) \sum_{\substack{b=1 \\ p \nmid b^3-1}}^{p-1} |\overline{\chi_1}(b^3-1)\tau(\chi_1) + \chi_1(b^3-1)\overline{\tau(\chi_1)} - 1|^2 \\
 &= 3(p-1)^3 + (p-1)(p-4)(2p+1) + (p-1) \left[ \tau^2(\chi_1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b^3-1) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \overline{\tau^2(\chi_1)} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \overline{\chi_1}(b^3-1) - 2\tau(\chi_1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \overline{\chi_1}(b^3-1) - 2\overline{\tau(\chi_1)} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b^3-1) \right] \\
 &= 3(p-1)^3 + (p-1)(p-4)(2p+1) + (p-1)\Psi,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi &= \tau^2(\chi_1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b^3-1) + \overline{\tau^2(\chi_1)} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \overline{\chi_1}(b^3-1) - 2\tau(\chi_1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \overline{\chi_1}(b^3-1) \\
 &\quad - 2\overline{\tau(\chi_1)} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \chi_1(b^3-1).
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi &= \frac{\tau^5(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^5(\chi_1)}}{p} - 4[\tau^2(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau^2(\chi_1)}] + 4[\tau(\chi_1) + \overline{\tau(\chi_1)}] \\
 &= \frac{U^5}{p} + 5pU - 5U^3 - 4U^2 + 8p + 4U.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{\chi \bmod p} |G(1, 3, \chi; p)|^4 = 5p^3 - 18p^2 + 20p + 1 + \frac{U^5}{p} + 5pU - 5U^3 - 4U^2 + 4U.$$

This proves Theorem 1.

Let  $q \geq 3$  be a square-full number,  $n, k$  be any integers with  $(nk, q) = 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Let  $q = \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{\alpha_i}$  be the factorization of  $q$  into prime powers and  $\chi = \prod_{i=1}^r \chi_i$ , where  $\chi_i$  be a character mod  $p_i^{\alpha_i}$ . From Lemma 5 and Lemma 6 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\chi \bmod q} |G(n, k, \chi; q)|^4 &= \prod_{i=1}^r \left[ \sum_{\chi_i \bmod p_i^{\alpha_i}} \left| G\left(n \left(\frac{q}{p_i^{\alpha_i}}\right)^{k-1}, k, \chi_i; p_i^{\alpha_i}\right) \right|^4 \right] \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^r [(k, p_i - 1)^2 p_i^{\alpha_i} \phi^2(p_i^{\alpha_i})] \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ (k, p_i-1)=1}}^r \frac{\phi(p_i - 1)}{p_i - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= q\phi^2(q) \prod_{p|q} (k, p-1)^2 \prod_{\substack{p|q \\ (k, p-1)=1}} \frac{\phi(p-1)}{p-1}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

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