

# Legendre polynomials and supercongruences

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## Abstract

Let  $p > 3$  be a prime, and let  $R_p$  be the set of rational numbers whose denominator is not divisible by  $p$ . Let  $\{P_n(x)\}$  be the Legendre polynomials. In this paper we mainly show that for  $m, n, t \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ,

$$P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}(t) \equiv -\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 - 3x + 2t}{p}\right) \pmod{p}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right)\right)^2 \\ & \equiv \left(\frac{-3m}{p}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left(\frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{12^3 \cdot 4m^3}\right)^k \pmod{p}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$  is the Legendre symbol and  $[x]$  is the greatest integer function. As an application we solve some conjectures of Z.W. Sun and the author concerning  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} / m^k \pmod{p^2}$ , where  $m$  is an integer not divisible by  $p$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\{P_n(x)\}$  be the Legendre polynomials given by  $P_0(x) = 1$ ,  $P_1(x) = x$  and  $(n+1)P_{n+1}(x) = (2n+1)xP_n(x) - nP_{n-1}(x)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ). It is well known that (see [B, p. 151], [G, (3.132)-(3.133)])

(1.1)

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k \binom{2n-2k}{n} x^{n-2k} = \frac{1}{2^n \cdot n!} \cdot \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n,$$

where  $[a]$  is the greatest integer not exceeding  $a$ . From (1.1) we see that

$$(1.2) \quad P_n(-x) = (-1)^n P_n(x), \quad P_{2m+1}(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad P_{2m}(0) = \frac{1}{(-4)^m} \binom{2m}{m}.$$

We also have the following formula due to Murphy ([G, (3.135)]):

$$(1.3) \quad P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k} \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)^k = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2k}{k} \binom{n+k}{2k} \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)^k.$$

We remark that  $\binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k} = \binom{2k}{k} \binom{n+k}{2k}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers, and for a prime  $p$  let  $R_p$  be the set of rational numbers whose denominator is not divisible by  $p$ . Let  $\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)$  be the Jacobi symbol. In [S4-S6] the author showed that for any prime  $p > 3$  and  $t \in R_p$ ,

$$(1.4) \quad P_{\frac{p-1}{2}}(t) \equiv -\left(\frac{-6}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 - 3(t^2 + 3)x + 2t(t^2 - 9)}{p}\right) \pmod{p},$$

$$(1.5) \quad P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor}(t) \equiv -\left(\frac{p}{3}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + 3(4t-5)x + 2(2t^2 - 14t + 11)}{p}\right) \pmod{p},$$

$$(1.6) \quad P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{4} \rfloor}(t) \equiv -\left(\frac{6}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 - \frac{3(3t+5)}{2}x + 9t + 7}{p}\right) \pmod{p}.$$

In this paper, by using elementary arguments, we prove that for any prime  $p > 3$  and  $t \in R_p$ ,

$$(1.7) \quad P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}(t) \equiv -\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 - 3x + 2t}{p}\right) \pmod{p}.$$

Moreover, for  $m, n \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  we have

$$(1.8) \quad \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right) \equiv \begin{cases} -(-3m)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left(\frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2}\right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ -\frac{(-3m)^{\frac{p+1}{4}}}{\sqrt{-3m}} P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left(\frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2}\right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right)\right)^2 \\ & \equiv \left(\frac{-3m}{p}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left(\frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{12^3 \cdot 4m^3}\right)^k \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

It is well known (see for example [S2, pp.221-222]) that the number of points on the curve  $y^2 = x^3 + mx + n$  over the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p$  elements is given by

$$\#E_p(x^3 + mx + n) = p + 1 + \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p} \right).$$

For positive integers  $a, b$  and  $n$ , if  $n = ax^2 + by^2$  for some integers  $x$  and  $y$ , we briefly say that  $n = ax^2 + by^2$ . Recently the author's brother Zhi-Wei Sun [Su1, Su3] and the author [S4] posed some conjectures for  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} / m^k$  modulo  $p^2$ , where  $p > 3$  is a prime and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $p \nmid m$ . For example, Zhi-Wei Sun ([Su3, Conjecture 2.8]) conjectured that for any prime  $p > 3$ ,

$$(1.9) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-96)^{3k}} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{19}\right) = -1, \\ \left(\frac{-6}{p}\right)(x^2 - 2p) \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{19}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = x^2 + 19y^2. \end{cases}$$

Using (1.8) and known character sums we determine  $P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}(x) \pmod{p}$  for 11 values of  $x$  (see Corollaries 2.1-2.7), and  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} / m^k \pmod{p^2}$  for  $m = -15^3, 20^3, -32^3, 2 \cdot 30^3, 66^3, -96^3, -3 \cdot 160^3, 255^3, -960^3, -5280^3, -640320^3$ . Thus we solve some conjectures in [Su1, Su3] and [S4]. For example, we confirm (1.9) in the case  $\left(\frac{p}{19}\right) = -1$  and prove it when  $\left(\frac{p}{19}\right) = 1$  and the modulus is  $p$ .

Let  $p$  be a prime greater than 3. In the paper we also determine  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} / 864^k \pmod{p^2}$  and establish the general congruence

$$(1.10) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} (x(1-432x))^k \equiv \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k \right)^2 \pmod{p^2}.$$

## 2. Congruences for $P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}(t) \pmod{p}$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime. Then*

- (i)  $\binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{k} \equiv \frac{1}{(-4)^k} \binom{2k}{k} \pmod{p}$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}$ ,
- (ii)  $\binom{\frac{p-1}{2} - k}{2k} \equiv \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{4^{2k} \binom{2k}{k}} \pmod{p}$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor$ ,
- (iii)  $\binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor + k}{2k} \equiv \frac{1}{(-27)^k} \binom{3k}{k} \pmod{p}$  for  $p \neq 3$  and  $k = 0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor$ .

*Proof.* For  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}\}$  we have  $\binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{k} \equiv \binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{k} = \frac{1}{(-4)^k} \binom{2k}{k} \pmod{p}$ . Thus (i) holds. Now suppose  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor\}$ . It is clear

that

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{\frac{p-1}{2} - k}{2k} &= \frac{\frac{p-1-2k}{2} \cdot \frac{p-3-2k}{2} \cdots \frac{p-(6k-1)}{2}}{(2k)!} \equiv \frac{(2k+1)(2k+3) \cdots (6k-1)}{(-2)^{2k} \cdot (2k)!} \\
&= \frac{(6k)!}{4^k (2k)!^2 (2k+2)(2k+4) \cdots (6k)} = \frac{(6k)!}{4^k (2k)!^2 \cdot 2^{2k} \cdot \frac{(3k)!}{k!}} \\
&= \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{4^{2k} \binom{2k}{k}} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus (ii) is true. (iii) was given by the author in [S4, proof of Lemma 2.3]. The proof is now complete.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor\}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
&\binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{k} \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \\
&\equiv (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} 3^{3k + \frac{1 - (\frac{p}{3})}{2}} 4^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \binom{\frac{p - (\frac{p}{3})}{6} + k}{3k + \frac{1 - (\frac{p}{3})}{2}} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For  $m, n, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $m \geq n \geq r \geq 0$  it is easily seen that  $\binom{m}{n} \binom{n}{r} = \binom{m}{r} \binom{m-r}{n-r}$ . Thus, using Lemma 2.1(i) we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{k} \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \\
&= \binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} = \binom{2(\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k)}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k}{k} \\
&\equiv (-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k}{k} \\
&= (-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2} - k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k} \\
&\equiv (-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{(\frac{p-1}{2} - k)!}{(\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k)! (\lfloor \frac{p+1}{3} \rfloor + k)!} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , using Lemma 2.1(i) we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-1}{3} - k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{6} + k}{3k} &= \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-1}{6} + k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{6} + k}{3k} = \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{3k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2} - 3k}{\frac{p-1}{6} - 2k} \\
&\equiv \frac{1}{(-4)^{3k}} \binom{6k}{3k} \frac{(\frac{p-1}{2} - 3k)!}{(\frac{p-1}{6} - 2k)! (\frac{p-1}{3} - k)!} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, from the above and Lemma 2.1 we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{k} \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}}{\binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-1}{3} - k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{6} + k}{3k}} \\
&\equiv (-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k + 3k} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} (\frac{p-1}{2} - k)! (\frac{p-1}{3} - k)!}{\binom{6k}{3k} (\frac{p-1}{2} - 3k)! (\frac{p-1}{3} + k)!}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor + k} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2} - k}{2k}}{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{3} + k}{2k}} \equiv (-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor + k} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} / (4^{2k} \binom{2k}{k})}{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} / (-27)^k} \\
&= (-27)^k (-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} = (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} 3^{3k} 4^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , using Lemma 2.1(i) we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left( \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-2}{3} - k} \right) \binom{\frac{p+1}{6} + k}{3k + 1} \\
&= \left( \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p+1}{6} + k} \right) \binom{\frac{p+1}{6} + k}{3k + 1} = \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{3k + 1} \binom{\frac{p-3}{2} - 3k}{\frac{p-5}{6} - 2k} \\
&\equiv \frac{1}{(-4)^{3k+1}} \binom{6k+2}{3k+1} \frac{(\frac{p-3}{2} - 3k)!}{(\frac{p-5}{6} - 2k)! (\frac{p-2}{3} - k)!} \\
&\equiv \frac{1}{(-4)^{3k} (3k+1)} \binom{6k}{3k} \frac{(\frac{p-1}{2} - 3k)!}{(\frac{p-5}{6} - 2k)! (\frac{p-2}{3} - k)!} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, from the above and Lemma 2.1 we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{k} \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}}{\binom{\frac{p-1}{3} - k}{\frac{p-2}{3} - k} \binom{\frac{p+1}{6} + k}{3k+1}} \\
&\equiv 3(-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k + 3k} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} (\frac{p-1}{2} - k)! (\frac{p-2}{3} - k)!}{\binom{6k}{3k} (\frac{p-1}{2} - 3k)! (\frac{p-2}{3} + k)!} \\
&= 3(-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor + k} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2} - k}{2k}}{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{\frac{p-2}{3} + k}{2k}} \equiv 3(-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor + k} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} / (4^{2k} \binom{2k}{k})}{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} / (-27)^k} \\
&= 3(-27)^k (-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} = (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} 3^{3k+1} 4^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and  $m, n \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p} \right) \\
&\equiv \begin{cases} -(-3m)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ -\frac{(-3m)^{\frac{p+1}{4}}}{\sqrt{-3m}} P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. For any positive integer  $k$  it is well known (see [IR, Lemma 2, p.235]) that

$$\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} x^k \equiv \begin{cases} p-1 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p-1 \mid k, \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p-1 \nmid k. \end{cases}$$

For  $k, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $0 \leq r \leq k \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$  we have  $0 \leq k + 2r \leq \frac{3(p-1)}{2}$ . Thus,

$$\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} x^{k+2r} \equiv \begin{cases} p-1 \pmod{p} & \text{if } k = p-1-2r, \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } k \neq p-1-2r \end{cases}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (2.1) \quad & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} (x^3 + mx + n)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \binom{(p-1)/2}{k} (x^3 + mx)^k n^{\frac{p-1}{2}-k} \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \binom{(p-1)/2}{k} \sum_{r=0}^k \binom{k}{r} x^{3r} (mx)^{k-r} n^{\frac{p-1}{2}-k} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{(p-1)/2} \sum_{k=r}^{(p-1)/2} \binom{(p-1)/2}{k} \binom{k}{r} m^{k-r} n^{\frac{p-1}{2}-k} \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} x^{k+2r} \\ &\equiv (p-1) \sum_{r=0}^{(p-1)/2} \binom{(p-1)/2}{p-1-2r} \binom{p-1-2r}{r} m^{p-1-3r} n^{2r-\frac{p-1}{2}} \\ &= (p-1) \sum_{\frac{p-1}{4} \leq r \leq \frac{p-1}{3}} \binom{(p-1)/2}{p-1-2r} \binom{p-1-2r}{r} m^{p-1-3r} n^{2r-\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , from the above we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p} \right) &\equiv \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} (x^3 + mx + n)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \\ &\equiv \begin{cases} -\binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-1}{4}} m^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1, \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-3. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus applying (1.2) and Lemma 2.2 (with  $k = \lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor$ ) we get

$$P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}(0) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(-4)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor}} \binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} \equiv (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} 3^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-1}{4}} \\ \equiv (-3)^{-\frac{p-1}{4}} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-1}{4}} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1, \\ 0 & \text{if } 4 \mid p-3. \end{cases}$$

Hence the result is true for  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .

Now we assume  $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . From (2.1) we see that

$$\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\equiv \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} (x^3 + mx + n)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \\
&\equiv (p-1) \frac{m^{p-1}}{n^{\frac{p-1}{2}}} \sum_{\frac{p-1}{4} \leq r \leq \frac{p-1}{3}} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{p-1-2r} \binom{p-1-2r}{r} \frac{n^{2r}}{m^{3r}} \\
&\equiv -\binom{n}{p} \sum_{\frac{p-1}{4} \leq r \leq \frac{p-1}{3}} \binom{(p-1)/2}{r} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}-r}{p-1-3r} \left(\frac{n^2}{m^3}\right)^r \\
&= -\binom{n}{p} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \binom{\frac{p-(\frac{p}{3})}{6} + k}{3k + \frac{1-(\frac{p}{3})}{2}} \left(\frac{n^2}{m^3}\right)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by (1.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
&P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right) \\
&= 2^{-\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} \binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{k} (-1)^k \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k} \\
&= 2^{-\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} \binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{k} (-1)^k \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right)^{\frac{1-(\frac{-1}{p})}{2}} \left( -\frac{27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor - k} \\
&= (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} 2^{-\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} \binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{k} \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right)^{\frac{1-(\frac{-1}{p})}{2}} \left( \frac{27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k - \frac{p-(\frac{-1}{p})}{4}} \\
&\equiv \delta(m, p)^{-1} \binom{n}{p} \binom{3}{p} (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} 2^{-\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} \binom{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}{k} \binom{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2k}{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \pmod{p},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\delta(m, p) = \begin{cases} (-3m)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \frac{(-3m)^{\frac{p+1}{4}}}{\sqrt{-3m}} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Hence, by the above and Lemma 2.2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\delta(m, p) P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right) \\
&\equiv \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} 3^{3k + \frac{1-(\frac{p}{3})}{2}} 4^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \binom{\frac{p-(\frac{p}{3})}{6} + k}{3k + \frac{1-(\frac{p}{3})}{2}} \left( \frac{27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \right) \\
&\quad \times \binom{n}{p} \binom{3}{p} (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} 2^{-\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} 2^{-\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} 3^{3k + \frac{1 - (\frac{p}{3})}{2}} 4^{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - k} \left(\frac{27}{4}\right)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \\
&= (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) 2^{2\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor - 2\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor} 3^{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor + (1 - (\frac{p}{3}))/2} \\
&= (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) 2^{-\frac{p-1}{2}} 3^{p-1} \equiv (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \cdot (-1)^{\frac{p - (\frac{p}{3})}{6}} \cdot (-1)^{-\lfloor \frac{p+1}{4} \rfloor} \\
&= (-1)^{2\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} = 1 \pmod{p},
\end{aligned}$$

from the above we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \delta(m, p) P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right) \\
&\equiv \binom{n}{p} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \binom{\frac{p - (\frac{p}{3})}{6} + k}{3k + \frac{1 - (\frac{p}{3})}{2}} \left(\frac{n^2}{m^3}\right)^{\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor - k} \\
&\equiv - \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p} \right) \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.1** The congruence (2.1) was given by the author in [S5].

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $p \neq 2, 3, 11$  be a prime. Then*

$$P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{21\sqrt{33}}{121} \right) \equiv \begin{cases} \left(\frac{33}{p}\right) (-33)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} 2a \pmod{p} \\ \quad \text{if } 4 \mid p-1, p = a^2 + b^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid a-1, \\ 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By [S6, Corollary 2.1 (with  $t = \frac{7}{9}$ ) and (2.2)],

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.2) \quad & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 11x + 14}{p} \right) = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 4x}{p} \right) \\
&= \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{p+3}{4}} 2a & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1, p = a^2 + b^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid a-1, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, taking  $m = -11$  and  $n = 14$  in Theorem 2.1 we obtain the result.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $p > 5$  be a prime. Then*

$$P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor} \left( \frac{7\sqrt{10}}{25} \right) \equiv \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{d}{2}} \left(\frac{5}{p}\right) 5^{\frac{p-1}{4}} 2c \pmod{p} \\ \quad \text{if } 8 \mid p-1, p = c^2 + 2d^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid c-1, \\ \left(\frac{5}{p}\right) 5^{\frac{p-3}{4}} 2d\sqrt{10} \pmod{p} \\ \quad \text{if } 8 \mid p-3, p = c^2 + 2d^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid d-1, \\ 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{if } p \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$



Proof. Using [S5, Lemma 4.2] we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 30x + 56}{p} \right) \\
&= \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{(-x)^3 - 30(-x) + 56}{p} \right) = \left( \frac{-1}{p} \right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 30x - 56}{p} \right) \\
&= \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{p+7}{8}} \left( \frac{3}{p} \right) 2c & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, p = c^2 + 2d^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid c-1, \\ (-1)^{\frac{p-3}{8}} \left( \frac{3}{p} \right) 2c & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, p = c^2 + 2d^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid c-1, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

By [S3, p.1317],

$$2^{\left[ \frac{p}{4} \right]} \equiv \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{c^2-1}{8}} = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{8} + \frac{d}{2}} \pmod{p} & \text{if } p = c^2 + 2d^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}, \\ (-1)^{\frac{c^2-1}{8}} \frac{d}{c} = (-1)^{\frac{p-3}{8}} \frac{d}{c} \pmod{p} & \text{if } p = c^2 + 2d^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \text{ with } 4 \mid c-d. \end{cases}$$

Now taking  $m = -30$  and  $n = 56$  in Theorem 2.1 and applying the above we deduce the result.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $p > 5$  be a prime. Then*

$$P_{\left[ \frac{p}{6} \right]} \left( \frac{11\sqrt{5}}{25} \right) \equiv \begin{cases} 5^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \left( \frac{5}{p} \right) 2A \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1, p = A^2 + 3B^2 \text{ and } 3 \mid A-1, \\ -5^{\frac{p-3}{4}} \left( \frac{5}{p} \right) 2A\sqrt{5} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-7, p = A^2 + 3B^2 \text{ and } 3 \mid A-1, \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By [S2, Lemma 2.3] (or [S6, Corollary 2.1 (with  $t = 5/3$ ) and (2.3)]) we have

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 15x + 22}{p} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} -2A & \text{if } 3 \mid p-1, p = A^2 + 3B^2 \text{ and } 3 \mid A-1, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, taking  $m = -15$  and  $n = 22$  in Theorem 2.1 we obtain the result.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $p > 5$  be a prime. Then*

$$P_{\left[ \frac{p}{6} \right]} \left( \frac{253\sqrt{10}}{800} \right)$$

$$\equiv \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{10}{p}\right)10^{\frac{p-1}{4}}L \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1, 4p = L^2 + 27M^2 \text{ and } 3 \mid L-1, \\ \left(\frac{10}{p}\right)10^{\frac{p-3}{4}}L\sqrt{10} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-7, 4p = L^2 + 27M^2 \text{ and } 3 \mid L-1, \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. From [S5, Corollary 3.3] we know that

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 120x + 506}{p} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)L & \text{if } 3 \mid p-1, 4p = L^2 + 27M^2 \text{ and } 3 \mid L-1, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus taking  $m = -120$  and  $n = 506$  in Theorem 2.1 we deduce the result.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $p > 7$  be a prime. Then*

$$P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \left( \frac{3\sqrt{105}}{25} \right) \equiv \begin{cases} 2\left(\frac{p}{15}\right)15^{\frac{p-1}{4}}C \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 9, 25 \pmod{28}, p = C^2 + 7D^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid C-1, \\ 2\left(\frac{p}{15}\right)15^{\frac{p-3}{4}}D\sqrt{105} \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 11, 15, 23 \pmod{28}, p = C^2 + 7D^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid D-1, \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Since  $(-x-7)^3 - 35(-x-7) + 98 = -(x^3 + 21x^2 + 112x)$ , from [R1,R2] we see that

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 35x + 98}{p} \right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + 21x^2 + 112x}{p} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{p+1}{2}} 2C\left(\frac{C}{7}\right) & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7} \text{ and so } p = C^2 + 7D^2, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $p \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7}$  and so  $p = C^2 + 7D^2$ . By [S3, p.1317],

$$(2.6) \quad 7_{\left[\frac{p}{4}\right]} \equiv \begin{cases} \left(\frac{C}{7}\right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 9, 25 \pmod{28} \text{ and } 4 \mid C-1, \\ -\left(\frac{C}{7}\right)\frac{D}{C} \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 11, 15, 23 \pmod{28} \text{ and } 4 \mid D-1. \end{cases}$$

Now taking  $m = -35$  and  $n = 98$  in Theorem 2.1 and applying all the above we deduce the result.

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $p$  be a prime such that  $p \neq 2, 3, 5, 7, 17$ .*

- (i) If  $p \equiv 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7}$ , then  $P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(\frac{171\sqrt{1785}}{85^2}) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .  
(ii) If  $p \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7}$  and so  $p = C^2 + 7D^2$  for some  $C, D \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
then

$$P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(\frac{171\sqrt{1785}}{85^2}) \equiv \begin{cases} \left(\frac{255}{p}\right)255^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \cdot 2C \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 4 \mid C-1, \\ -\left(\frac{255}{p}\right)255^{\frac{p-3}{4}} \cdot 2D\sqrt{1785} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-3 \text{ and } 4 \mid D-1. \end{cases}$$

Proof. From [W, p.296] we know that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{(x^2 + 6x + 2)(3x^2 + 16x)}{p} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} -2\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right)\left(\frac{C}{7}\right)C - \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7} \text{ and } p = C^2 + 7D^2, \\ -\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

As  $(x^2 + 6x + 2)(3x^2 + 16x) = x^4(3 + 34/x + 102/x^2 + 32/x^3)$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{(x^2 + 6x + 2)(3x^2 + 16x)}{p} \right) \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^{p-1} \left( \frac{3 + 34/x + 102/x^2 + 32/x^3}{p} \right) = \sum_{x=1}^{p-1} \left( \frac{3 + 34x + 102x^2 + 32x^3}{p} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \sum_{x=1}^{p-1} \left( \frac{6 + 17 \cdot 4x + \frac{51}{4}(4x)^2 + (4x)^3}{p} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + \frac{51}{4}x^2 + 17x + 6}{p} \right) - \left(\frac{12}{p}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + \frac{51}{4}x^2 + 17x + 6}{p} \right) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{(x - \frac{17}{4})^3 + \frac{51}{4}(x - \frac{17}{4})^2 + 17(x - \frac{17}{4}) + 6}{p} \right) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - \frac{595}{16}x + \frac{5586}{64}}{p} \right) = \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{(\frac{x}{4})^3 - \frac{595}{16} \cdot \frac{x}{4} + \frac{5586}{64}}{p} \right) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 595x + 5586}{p} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now combining all the above we deduce that

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 595x + 5586}{p} \right) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{p+1}{2}} 2C \left( \frac{C}{7} \right) & \text{if } p = C^2 + 7D^2 \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7}, \\ 0 & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7}. \end{cases}$$

Taking  $m = -595$  and  $n = 5586$  in Theorem 2.1 and then applying (2.7) and (2.6) we deduce the result.

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $p \neq 2, 3, 11$  be a prime.*

- (i) *If  $p \equiv 2, 6, 7, 8, 10 \pmod{11}$ , then  $P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{7}{32} \sqrt{22} \right) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .*
- (ii) *If  $p \equiv 1, 3, 4, 5, 9 \pmod{11}$  and hence  $4p = u^2 + 11v^2$  for some  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then*

$$P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{7}{32} \sqrt{22} \right) \equiv \begin{cases} -2^{\frac{p-1}{4}} u \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 4 \mid u-1, \\ (-2)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} u \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 8 \mid u-2, \\ -2^{\frac{p-3}{4}} v \sqrt{22} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-3 \text{ and } 4 \mid v-1, \\ (-2)^{\frac{p-3}{4}} v \sqrt{22} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-3 \text{ and } 8 \mid v-2. \end{cases}$$

Proof. It is known (see [RP] and [JM]) that

$$(2.8) \quad \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 96 \cdot 11x + 112 \cdot 11^2}{p} \right) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{3}{p} \right) \left( \frac{u}{11} \right) u & \text{if } \left( \frac{p}{11} \right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = u^2 + 11v^2, \\ 0 & \text{if } \left( \frac{p}{11} \right) = -1. \end{cases}$$

Thus applying Theorem 2.1 we deduce that

$$P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{7}{32} \sqrt{22} \right) \equiv \begin{cases} -\left( \frac{-2}{p} \right) 22^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \left( \frac{u}{11} \right) u \pmod{p} & \text{if } \left( \frac{p}{11} \right) = 1, 4 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 4p = u^2 + 11v^2, \\ -\left( \frac{-2}{p} \right) 22^{\frac{p-3}{4}} \left( \frac{u}{11} \right) u \sqrt{22} \pmod{p} & \text{if } \left( \frac{p}{11} \right) = 1, 4 \mid p-3 \text{ and } 4p = u^2 + 11v^2, \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } \left( \frac{p}{11} \right) = -1. \end{cases}$$

Now assume  $\left( \frac{p}{11} \right) = 1$  and so  $4p = u^2 + 11v^2$ . If  $u \equiv v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , by [S3, Theorem 4.3] we have

$$(-11)^{[\frac{p}{4}]} \equiv \begin{cases} \left( \frac{u}{11} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \left( \frac{u}{11} \right) \frac{v}{u} \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

If  $u \equiv v \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , by [S3, Corollary 4.6] we have

$$11_{\left[\frac{p}{4}\right]} \equiv \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{u}{11}\right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 8 \mid u - 2, \\ -\left(\frac{u}{11}\right)\frac{v}{u} \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 8 \mid v - 2. \end{cases}$$

Now combining all the above we derive the result.

From [RPR], [JM] and [PV] we know that for any prime  $p > 3$ ,

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 8 \cdot 19x + 2 \cdot 19^2}{p} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)\left(\frac{u}{19}\right)u & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{19}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = u^2 + 19v^2, \\ 0 & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{19}\right) = -1, \end{cases} \\ & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 80 \cdot 43x + 42 \cdot 43^2}{p} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)\left(\frac{u}{43}\right)u & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{43}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = u^2 + 43v^2, \\ 0 & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{43}\right) = -1, \end{cases} \\ & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 440 \cdot 67x + 434 \cdot 67^2}{p} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)\left(\frac{u}{67}\right)u & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{67}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = u^2 + 67v^2, \\ 0 & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{67}\right) = -1, \end{cases} \\ & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 80 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \cdot 163x + 14 \cdot 11 \cdot 19 \cdot 127 \cdot 163^2}{p} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)\left(\frac{u}{163}\right)u & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{163}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = u^2 + 163v^2, \\ 0 & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{163}\right) = -1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So, by the method of proof of Corollary 2.7 one can determine  $P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(\frac{3}{32}\sqrt{114})$ ,

$P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(\frac{63\sqrt{645}}{1600})$ ,  $P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(\frac{651}{96800}\sqrt{22110})$  and  $P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(\frac{557403}{26680^2}\sqrt{1630815}) \pmod{p}$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $p$  be a prime greater than 3, and let  $t$  be a variable. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(t) &\equiv \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} \left(\frac{1-t}{864}\right)^k \\ &\equiv \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} \left(\frac{1-t}{864}\right)^k \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Suppose that  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$  and that  $r \in \{1, 5\}$  is

given by  $p \equiv r \pmod{6}$ . Then clearly

$$\begin{aligned}
& \binom{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right] + k}{2k} \binom{2k}{k} \\
&= \frac{\left(\frac{p-r}{6} + k\right)\left(\frac{p-r}{6} + k - 1\right) \cdots \left(\frac{p-r}{6} - k + 1\right)}{k!^2} \\
&= \frac{(p + 6k - r)(p + 6k - 6 - r) \cdots (p - (6k - 6) - r)}{6^{2k} \cdot k!^2} \\
&\equiv (-1)^k \frac{(6k - r)(6k - 6 - r) \cdots (6 - r) \cdot r(r + 6) \cdots (6k - 6 + r)}{6^{2k} \cdot k!^2} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^k \cdot (6k)!}{(2 \cdot 4 \cdots 6k)(3 \cdot 9 \cdot 15 \cdots (6k - 3)) \cdot 6^{2k} \cdot k!^2} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^k \cdot (6k)!}{2^{3k}(3k)! \cdot 3^k \frac{(2k)!}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2k} \cdot 36^k k!^2} \equiv \frac{(6k)!}{(-432)^k (3k)!(2k)!k!} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(2.10) \quad \binom{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}{k} \binom{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right] + k}{k} = \binom{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right] + k}{2k} \binom{2k}{k} \equiv \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{(-432)^k} \pmod{p}.$$

Therefore  $p \mid \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{(-432)^k}$  for  $\frac{p}{6} < k < p$ . Now combining (2.10) with (1.3) yields the result.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and  $m, n \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \left( \frac{n}{2m^3} \right) &\equiv \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} \left( \frac{2m^3 - n}{12^3 m^3} \right)^k \\
&\equiv - \left( \frac{3m}{p} \right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 3m^2 x + n}{p} \right) \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Replacing  $m$  by  $-3m^2$  in Theorem 2.1 and then applying Lemma 2.3 we deduce the result.

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime, and let  $c(n)$  be given by*

$$q \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^2 (1 - q^{11k})^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c(n) q^n \quad (|q| < 1).$$

Then

$$c(p) \equiv P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \left( \frac{19}{8} \right) \equiv (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{256^k} \pmod{p}.$$

Proof. It is easy to see that the result holds for  $p = 11$ . Now assume  $p \neq 11$ . By the well known result of Eichler (see [KKS, Theorem 12.2]), we have

$$|\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p : y^2 + y = x^3 - x^2\}| = p - c(p).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p : y^2 + y = x^3 - x^2\}| \\
&= \left| \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p : \left(y + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = x^3 - x^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right\} \right| \\
&= \left| \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p : y^2 = x^3 - x^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right\} \right| \\
&= p + \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - x^2 + \frac{1}{4}}{p} \right) = p + \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^3 - \left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4}}{p} \right) \\
&= p + \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{19}{108}}{p} \right) = p + \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{\left(\frac{x}{6}\right)^3 - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{x}{6} + \frac{19}{108}}{p} \right) \\
&= p + \left(\frac{6}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 12x + 38}{p} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$(2.11) \quad c(p) = -\left(\frac{6}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 12x + 38}{p} \right).$$

Using Theorem 2.2 we see that

$$c(p) = -\left(\frac{6}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 - 12x + 38}{p} \right) \equiv P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \left( \frac{19}{8} \right) \pmod{p}.$$

From (1.2) and Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \left( \frac{19}{8} \right) &= (-1)^{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \left( -\frac{19}{8} \right) \\
&\equiv (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} \left( \frac{1 + 19/8}{864} \right)^k \\
&= (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{256^k} \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the result follows.

**Remark 2.2** Set  $q = e^{2\pi iz}$  and  $f(z) = q \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^2 (1 - q^{11k})^2$ . It is known that  $f(z)$  is the unique weight 2 modular form of level 11.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime, and let  $t$  be a variable. Then*

$$(2.12) \quad P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(t) \equiv -\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} (x^3 - 3x + 2t)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}.$$

*Proof.* Taking  $m = 1$  and  $n = 2t$  in Theorem 2.2 and applying Euler's criterion we see that (2.12) is true for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ . Since both sides of (2.12) are polynomials in  $t$  of degree at most  $(p-1)/2$ ,

applying Lagrange's theorem we conclude that (2.12) holds when  $t$  is a variable.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and let  $t$  be a variable. Then*

$$P_{\frac{p-1}{2}}(t) \equiv \begin{cases} (-t^2 - 3)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{t(t^2 - 9)\sqrt{t^2 + 3}}{(t^2 + 3)^2} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p - 1, \\ -\frac{(-t^2 - 3)^{\frac{p+1}{4}}}{\sqrt{t^2 + 3}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{t(t^2 - 9)\sqrt{t^2 + 3}}{(t^2 + 3)^2} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p - 3 \end{cases}$$

and

$$P_{[\frac{p}{4}]}(t) \equiv \begin{cases} (6t + 10)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{(9t + 7)\sqrt{6t + 10}}{(3t + 5)^2} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p - 1, \\ \frac{(6t + 10)^{\frac{p+1}{4}}}{\sqrt{6t + 10}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{(9t + 7)\sqrt{6t + 10}}{(3t + 5)^2} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p - 3. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By (1.1), both sides of the two congruences are polynomials in  $t$  of degree at most  $p - 3$ . By Lagrange's theorem, it suffices to show that the congruences are true for  $p - 2$  values of  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$ . Now combining (1.4) and (1.6) with Theorem 2.1 we deduce the result.

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and  $m \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & P_{[\frac{p}{4}]} \left( \frac{2m^2 - 5}{3} \right) \\ & \equiv \left( \frac{2m}{p} \right) P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{3m^2 - 4}{m^3} \right) \equiv \left( \frac{-2}{p} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{[p/4]} \binom{4k}{2k} \binom{2k}{k} \left( \frac{m^2 - 1}{192} \right)^k \\ & \equiv \left( \frac{2m}{p} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{[p/6]} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} \left( \frac{(m+1)(m-2)^2}{864m^3} \right)^k \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Taking  $t = (2m^2 - 5)/3$  in Theorem 2.4 and then applying [S6, Lemma 2.2] and Lemma 2.3 we deduce the result.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and let  $t$  be a variable. Then*

$$P_{[\frac{p}{3}]}(t) \equiv \begin{cases} (5 - 4t)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{2t^2 - 14t + 11}{(5 - 4t)^2} \sqrt{5 - 4t} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ -\frac{(5 - 4t)^{\frac{p+1}{4}}}{\sqrt{5 - 4t}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{2t^2 - 14t + 11}{(5 - 4t)^2} \sqrt{5 - 4t} \right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By (1.1), both sides of the congruence are polynomials in  $t$  of degree at most  $p - 2$ . By Lagrange's theorem, it suffices to



show that the congruence is true for all  $t \in R_p$  with  $t \not\equiv \frac{5}{4} \pmod{p}$ . Now assume  $t \in R_p$  and  $t \equiv \frac{5}{4} \pmod{p}$ . Set  $m = 3(4t - 5)$  and  $n = 2(2t^2 - 14t + 11)$ . Then

$$\frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} = \frac{(2t^2 - 14t + 11)\sqrt{5 - 4t}}{(5 - 4t)^2}.$$

Thus, by (1.5) and Theorem 2.1 we have

$$P_{[\frac{p}{3}]}(t) \equiv -\left(\frac{p}{3}\right) \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right) \\ \equiv \begin{cases} \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) (9(5 - 4t))^{\frac{p-1}{4}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left(\frac{2t^2 - 14t + 11}{(5 - 4t)^2} \sqrt{5 - 4t}\right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p - 1, \\ \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) \frac{(9(5 - 4t))^{\frac{p+1}{4}}}{\sqrt{9(5 - 4t)}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left(\frac{2t^2 - 14t + 11}{(5 - 4t)^2} \sqrt{5 - 4t}\right) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p - 3. \end{cases}$$

For  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  we have  $9^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) \equiv \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = 1 \pmod{p}$ , For  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  we have  $9^{\frac{p+1}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) \equiv \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = -1 \pmod{p}$ . Thus the result follows.

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and  $m \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$P_{[\frac{p}{3}]} \left(\frac{5 - m^2}{4}\right) \\ \equiv \left(\frac{-m}{p}\right) P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left(\frac{m^4 + 18m^2 - 27}{8m^3}\right) \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{[p/3]} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \left(\frac{m^2 - 1}{216}\right)^k \\ \equiv \left(\frac{-m}{p}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{[p/6]} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k} \left(\frac{(m+1)(3-m)^3}{2^8 \cdot 3^3 m^3}\right)^k \pmod{p}.$$

Proof. Taking  $t = \frac{5-m^2}{4}$  in Theorem 2.5 and then applying [S4, Lemma 2.3] and Lemma 2.3 we deduce the result.

**Corollary 2.11.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime. Then*

$$P_{[\frac{p}{3}]} \left(\frac{7 \pm 3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\ \equiv \begin{cases} 2a(3 \pm 2\sqrt{3})^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p - 1, p = a^2 + b^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid a - 1, \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Set  $t = (7 \pm 3\sqrt{3})/2$ . Then  $2t^2 - 14t + 11 = 0$ . Thus, from Theorem 2.5 and the congruence for  $P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(0)$  in the proof of Theorem 2.1 we deduce that

$$P_{[\frac{p}{3}]} \left(\frac{7 \pm 3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$\equiv \begin{cases} (-9 \mp 6\sqrt{3})^{\frac{p-1}{4}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(0) \equiv (3 \pm 2\sqrt{3})^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-1}{4}} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1, \\ -\frac{(-9 \mp 6\sqrt{3})^{\frac{p+1}{4}}}{\sqrt{-9 \mp 6\sqrt{3}}} P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(0) = 0 \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-3. \end{cases}$$

It is well known that  $\binom{\frac{p-1}{2}}{\frac{p-1}{4}} \equiv 2a \pmod{p}$  for  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  (see [BEW, p.269]). Thus the corollary is proved.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and  $m, n \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p} \right) \equiv \begin{cases} -(-3m)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \sum_{k=0}^{[p/12]} \binom{[p/12]}{k} \binom{[5p/12]}{k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^k \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1, \\ -\frac{3n}{2m^2} (-3m)^{\frac{p+1}{4}} \sum_{k=0}^{[p/12]} \binom{[p/12]}{k} \binom{[5p/12]}{k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^k \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-3. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$  be the Jacobi polynomial defined by

$$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+\alpha}{k} \binom{n+\beta}{n-k} (x+1)^k (x-1)^{n-k}.$$

It is known (see [AAR, p.315]) that  
(2.13)

$$P_{2n}(x) = P_n^{(0, -\frac{1}{2})}(2x^2 - 1) \quad \text{and} \quad P_{2n+1}(x) = x P_n^{(0, \frac{1}{2})}(2x^2 - 1).$$

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  let  $(a)_k = a(a+1)\cdots(a+k-1)$ . Then clearly  $(a)_k = (-1)^k k! \binom{-a}{k}$ . From [B, p.170] we know that

$$\begin{aligned} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) &= \binom{n+\alpha}{n} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-n)_k (n+\alpha+\beta+1)_k}{(\alpha+1)_k \cdot k!} \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^k \right) \\ &= \binom{n+\alpha}{n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k} (-n-\alpha-\beta-1)_k}{\binom{-1-\alpha}{k}} \left( \frac{x-1}{2} \right)^k. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$(2.14) \quad P_n^{(0, \beta)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{-n-\beta-1}{k} \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^k.$$

Hence, if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $[\frac{p}{6}] = 2[\frac{p}{12}]$  and so

$$P_{[\frac{p}{6}]} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= P_{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}^{(0, -\frac{1}{2})} \left( 2 \cdot \frac{-27n^2}{4m^3} - 1 \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]} \binom{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \binom{-\frac{1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \left( 1 + \frac{27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^k \\
&\equiv \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]} \binom{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \binom{\frac{p-1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]} \binom{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \binom{\left[\frac{5p}{12}\right]}{k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^k \pmod{p};
\end{aligned}$$

if  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\left[\frac{p}{6}\right] = 2\left[\frac{p}{12}\right] + 1$  and so

$$\begin{aligned}
&P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]} \left( \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} P_{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}^{(0, \frac{1}{2})} \left( 2 \cdot \frac{-27n^2}{4m^3} - 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]} \binom{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \binom{-\frac{3}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \left( 1 + \frac{27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^k \\
&\equiv \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]} \binom{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \binom{\frac{p-3}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^k \\
&= \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]} \binom{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}{k} \binom{\left[\frac{5p}{12}\right]}{k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{4m^3} \right)^k \pmod{p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now combining the above with Theorem 2.1 we deduce the result.

For a prime  $p$  and  $a \in R_p$  let  $\langle a \rangle_p$  denote the unique integer  $a_0 \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$  such that  $a \equiv a_0 \pmod{p}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and let  $t \in R_p$  with  $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{-\frac{1}{12}}{k} \binom{-\frac{5}{12}}{k} (1-t)^k \\
&\equiv t^{\langle -\frac{1}{12} \rangle_p} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{-\frac{1}{12}}{k} \binom{-\frac{7}{12}}{k} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{t} \right)^k \\
&\equiv \begin{cases} P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(\sqrt{t}) \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ \left(\frac{t}{p}\right) P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(\sqrt{t})\sqrt{t} \pmod{p} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Taking  $a = -\frac{1}{12}$  in [S7, Theorem 2.2] and then applying

[S7, Lemmas 2.2-2.3] we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{-\frac{1}{12}}{k} \binom{-\frac{5}{12}}{k} (1-t)^k \\
& \equiv t^{\langle -\frac{1}{12} \rangle_p} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{-\frac{1}{12}}{k} \binom{-\frac{7}{12}}{k} \left(\frac{t-1}{t}\right)^k \equiv P_{2\langle -\frac{1}{12} \rangle_p}(\sqrt{t}) \\
& = \begin{cases} P_{\frac{p-1}{6}}(\sqrt{t}) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1, \\ P_{\frac{5p-1}{6}}(\sqrt{t}) \equiv P_{\frac{p-5}{6}}(\sqrt{t}) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-5, \\ P_{\frac{7p-1}{6}}(\sqrt{t}) \equiv (\sqrt{t})^p P_{\frac{p-7}{6}}(\sqrt{t}) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-7, \\ P_{\frac{11p-1}{6}}(\sqrt{t}) \equiv (\sqrt{t})^p P_{\frac{5p-1}{6}}(\sqrt{t}) \equiv (\sqrt{t})^p P_{\frac{p-5}{6}}(\sqrt{t}) \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-11. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

To see the result, we note that  $(\sqrt{t})^p = t^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \sqrt{t} \equiv \left(\frac{t}{p}\right) \sqrt{t} \pmod{p}$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and  $m, n \in R_p$  with  $mn \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right) \\
& \equiv \begin{cases} -(-3m)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{-\frac{1}{12}}{k} \binom{-\frac{5}{12}}{k} \left(\frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{4m^3}\right)^k \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-1, \\ \frac{2m}{9n} \left(\frac{-3m}{p}\right) (-3m)^{\frac{p+1}{4}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{-\frac{1}{12}}{k} \binom{-\frac{5}{12}}{k} \left(\frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{4m^3}\right)^k \pmod{p} & \text{if } 4 \mid p-3. \end{cases} \\
& \equiv \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{6}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{-\frac{1}{12}}{k} \binom{-\frac{7}{12}}{k} \left(\frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{27n^2}\right)^k \pmod{p} & \text{if } 3 \mid p-1, \\ (-1)^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \frac{3}{m} \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{\frac{p-5}{6}} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{-\frac{1}{12}}{k} \binom{-\frac{7}{12}}{k} \left(\frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{27n^2}\right)^k \pmod{p} & \text{if } 3 \mid p-2. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Set  $t = -\frac{27n^2}{4m^3}$ . Then  $1-t = \frac{4m^3+27n^2}{4m^3}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& t^{\langle -\frac{1}{12} \rangle_p} \\
& = \begin{cases} \left(-\frac{27n^2}{4m^3}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{12}} = \left(-\frac{3}{m}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{6}} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1, \\ \left(-\frac{27n^2}{4m^3}\right)^{\frac{5p-1}{12}} \equiv \left(\frac{-3m}{p}\right) \left(-\frac{m}{3}\right)^{\frac{p-5}{4}} \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{\frac{p-5}{6}} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-5, \\ \left(-\frac{27n^2}{4m^3}\right)^{\frac{7p-1}{12}} \equiv \left(\frac{-3m}{p}\right) \left(-\frac{3}{m}\right)^{\frac{p+5}{4}} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{p+5}{6}} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-7, \\ \left(-\frac{27n^2}{4m^3}\right)^{\frac{11p-1}{12}} \equiv \left(-\frac{m}{3}\right)^{\frac{p-11}{4}} \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{\frac{p-11}{6}} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-11, \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

using Lemma 2.4 and Theorem 2.1 we deduce the result.

### 3. A general congruence modulo $p^2$

**Lemma 3.1.** *For any nonnegative integer  $n$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{k}{n-k} (-432)^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3(n-k)}{n-k} \binom{6(n-k)}{3(n-k)}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let  $m$  be a nonnegative integer. For  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  set

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(m, k) &= \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{k}{m-k} (-432)^{m-k}, \\ F_2(m, k) &= \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3(m-k)}{m-k} \binom{6(m-k)}{3(m-k)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, m+1\}$  set

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(m, k) &= -k^2(m+2) \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{k}{m+2-k} (-432)^{m+2-k}, \\ G_2(m, k) &= \frac{12k^2(36m^2 - 36km + 129m - 62k + 114)}{(m+2-k)^2} \\ &\quad \times \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3(m+1-k)}{m+1-k} \binom{6(m+1-k)}{3(m+1-k)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $i = 1, 2$  and  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ , using Maple it is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1) \quad & (m+2)^3 F_i(m+2, k) - 24(2m+3)(18m^2 + 54m + 41) F_i(m+1, k) \\ & + 20736(m+1)(3m+1)(3m+5) F_i(m, k) \\ & = G_i(m, k+1) - G_i(m, k). \end{aligned}$$

Set  $S_i(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n F_i(n, k)$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (m+2)^3 (S_i(m+2) - F_i(m+2, m+2) - F_i(m+2, m+1)) \\ & - 24(2m+3)(18m^2 + 54m + 41) (S_i(m+1) - F_i(m+1, m+1)) \\ & + 20736(m+1)(3m+1)(3m+5) S_i(m) \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^m \left( (m+2)^3 F_i(m+2, k) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - 24(2m+3)(18m^2 + 54m + 41) F_i(m+1, k) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 20736(m+1)(3m+1)(3m+5) F_i(m, k) \right) \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^m (G_i(m, k+1) - G_i(m, k)) = G_i(m, m+1) - G_i(m, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$= G_i(m, m+1).$$

Thus, for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & (m+2)^3 S_i(m+2) - 24(2m+3)(18m^2 + 54m + 41) S_i(m+1) \\ & \quad + 20736(m+1)(3m+1)(3m+5) S_i(m) \\ & = G_i(m, m+1) + (m+2)^3 (F_i(m+2, m+2) + F_i(m+2, m+1)) \\ & \quad - 24(2m+3)(18m^2 + 54m + 41) F_i(m+1, m+1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $S_1(0) = 1 = S_2(0)$  and  $S_1(1) = 120 = S_2(1)$ , from (3.2) we deduce  $S_1(n) = S_2(n)$  for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . This completes the proof.

For any prime  $p$  and integer  $n$ , if  $p^\alpha \mid n$  but  $p^{\alpha+1} \nmid n$ , we write  $p^\alpha \parallel n$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $k, r \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$  with  $k+r \geq p$ . Then*

$$\binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3r}{r} \binom{6r}{3r} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}.$$

*Proof.* For any positive integer  $n$  we have  $\binom{3n}{n} = 3 \binom{3n-1}{n-1}$ . Thus the result is true for  $p = 3$ . Now assume  $p > 3$ . By (2.10),  $p \mid \binom{3n}{n} \binom{6n}{3n}$  for  $\frac{p}{6} < n \leq p-1$ . Thus, if  $k > \frac{p}{6}$  and  $r > \frac{p}{6}$ , then  $p^2 \mid \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3r}{r} \binom{6r}{3r}$ . If  $r < \frac{p}{6}$ , then  $k \geq p-r > \frac{5p}{6}$ ,  $p^5 \mid (6k)!$ ,  $p \parallel (2k)!$ ,  $p^2 \parallel (3k)!$  and so  $\binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} = \frac{(6k)!}{k!(2k)!(3k)!} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$ . Similarly, if  $k < \frac{p}{6}$ , then  $r > \frac{5p}{6}$  and so  $\binom{3r}{r} \binom{6r}{3r} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$ . Thus the lemma is proved.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and let  $x$  be a variable. Then*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} (x(1-432x))^k \equiv \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k \right)^2 \pmod{p^2}.$$

*Proof.* For  $\frac{p}{2} < k < p$  we have  $p \mid \binom{2k}{k}$  and  $p \mid \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}$  by (2.10). Thus  $p^2 \mid \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}$  for  $\frac{p}{2} < k < p$ . Hence, using Lemma 3.1 we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} (x(1-432x))^k \\ & \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k (1-432x)^k \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k \sum_{r=0}^k \binom{k}{r} (-432x)^r \\ & = \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} x^m \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{k}{m-k} (-432)^{m-k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} x^m \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3(m-k)}{m-k} \binom{6(m-k)}{3(m-k)} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k \sum_{m=k}^{p-1} \binom{3(m-k)}{m-k} \binom{6(m-k)}{3(m-k)} x^{m-k} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k \sum_{r=0}^{p-1-k} \binom{3r}{r} \binom{6r}{3r} x^r \\
&= \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k \right)^2 \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k \sum_{r=p-k}^{p-1} \binom{3r}{r} \binom{6r}{3r} x^r \pmod{p^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.2,  $p^2 \mid \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3r}{r} \binom{6r}{3r}$  for  $0 \leq k \leq p-1$  and  $p-k \leq r \leq p-1$ . Thus

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} x^k \sum_{r=p-k}^{p-1} \binom{3r}{r} \binom{6r}{3r} x^r \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}.$$

Now combining all the above we obtain the result.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $p$  be a prime greater than 3 and  $m \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m^k} \equiv \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1728}{m}}}{864} \right)^k \right)^2 \pmod{p^2}.$$

Proof. Taking  $x = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 1728/m}}{864}$  in Theorem 3.1 we deduce the result.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $p$  be a prime greater than 3 and let  $t$  be a variable. Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
&t \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} k \left( \frac{1-t^2}{1728} \right)^k \\
&\equiv (t+1) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{1-t}{864} \right)^k \right) \\
&\quad \times \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} k \left( \frac{1-t}{864} \right)^k \right) \pmod{p^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Putting  $x = \frac{1-t}{864}$  in Theorem 3.1 we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{1-t^2}{1728} \right)^k \\
&= \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{1-t}{864} \right)^k \right)^2 + p^2 f(t),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $f(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  with coefficients in  $R_p$ . Taking derivatives and then multiplying by  $\frac{1-t^2}{1728}$  on both sides we deduce the result.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $p$  be a prime of the form  $4k + 1$  and  $p = a^2 + b^2$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) with  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Then*

$$P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(0) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p-1}{2} \\ \left[\frac{p}{12}\right] \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{cases} 2a \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 3 \nmid a, \\ -2a \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 3 \mid a, \\ 2b \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-5 \text{ and } 3 \mid a-b. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.1(i) and the proof of Theorem 2.1,

$$P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(0) = \frac{1}{(-4)^{\left[\frac{p}{12}\right]}} \begin{pmatrix} \left[\frac{p}{6}\right] \\ \left[\frac{p}{12}\right] \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p-1}{2} \\ \left[\frac{p}{12}\right] \end{pmatrix} \equiv (-3)^{-\frac{p-1}{4}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p-1}{2} \\ \frac{p-1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \pmod{p}.$$

By Gauss' congruence ([BEW, p.269]),  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p-1}{2} \\ \frac{p-1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \equiv 2a \pmod{p}$ . By [S1, Theorem 2.2 and Example 2.1],

$$(-3)^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \equiv \begin{cases} 1 \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 3 \nmid a, \\ -1 \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 3 \mid a, \\ -\frac{b}{a} \equiv \frac{a}{b} \pmod{p} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-5 \text{ and } 3 \mid a-b. \end{cases}$$

Thus the result follows.

We note that for primes  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ , the congruence  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p-1}{2} \\ \frac{p-1}{12} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \pm 2a \pmod{p}$  was given in [HW, Corollary 4.2.2].

Let  $p > 3$  be a prime. By the work of Mortenson[M] and Zhi-Wei Sun[Su2],

$$(3.3) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{1728^k} \equiv \begin{cases} \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)(4a^2 - 2p) \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } p = a^2 + b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 2 \nmid a, \\ 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

In [Su1, Conjecture B16] Zhi-Wei Sun conjectured that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{864^k} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ (-1)^{\left[\frac{a}{6}\right]} \left(2a - \frac{p}{2a}\right) \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1, p = a^2 + b^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid a-1, \\ \left(\frac{ab}{3}\right) \left(2b - \frac{p}{2b}\right) \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-5, p = a^2 + b^2 \text{ and } 4 \mid a-1. \end{cases}$$



In [Su4], Zhi-Wei Sun confirmed the conjecture in the case  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

Now we prove the above conjecture for primes  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $p$  be a prime of the form  $4k + 1$  and so  $p = a^2 + b^2$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Then*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{864^k} \equiv \begin{cases} 2a - \frac{p}{2a} \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 3 \nmid a, \\ -2a + \frac{p}{2a} \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-1 \text{ and } 3 \mid a, \\ 2b - \frac{p}{2b} \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } 12 \mid p-5 \text{ and } 3 \mid a-b. \end{cases}$$

Proof. From Lemma 3.3 we have  $P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(0) \equiv 2r \pmod{p}$ , where

$$r = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{12} \text{ and } 3 \nmid a, \\ -a & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{12} \text{ and } 3 \mid a, \\ b & \text{if } p \equiv 5 \pmod{12} \text{ and } 3 \mid a-b. \end{cases}$$

By (2.10),  $p \mid \binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}$  for  $\frac{p}{6} < k < p$ . Thus, applying Lemma 2.3 and the above we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{864^k} \equiv P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(0) \equiv 2r \pmod{p}.$$

Set  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{864^k} = 2r + qp$ . Using Corollary 3.1 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{1728^k} &\equiv \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{6k}{3k} \binom{3k}{k}}{864^k} \right)^2 \\ &\equiv (2r + qp)^2 \equiv 4r^2 + 4rqp \pmod{p^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, applying (3.3) we obtain  $(\frac{p}{3})(4a^2 - 2p) \equiv 4r^2 + 4rqp \pmod{p^2}$ . Hence  $q \equiv -\frac{1}{2r} \pmod{p}$  and the proof is complete.

## 4. Congruences for $\sum_{k=0}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} / m^k$

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime,  $m \in R_p$ ,  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $t = \sqrt{1 - 1728/m}$ . Then*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m^k} \equiv P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(t)^2 \equiv \left( \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} (x^3 - 3x + 2t)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \right)^2 \pmod{p}.$$

Moreover, if  $P_{[\frac{p}{6}]}(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  or  $\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} (x^3 - 3x + 2t)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} k \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } m \not\equiv 1728 \pmod{p}.$$

Proof. For  $k \in \{\frac{p+1}{2}, \dots, p-1\}$  we have  $p \mid \binom{2k}{k}$  and  $p \mid \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}$  by (2.10), thus  $p^2 \mid \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}$ . Since  $\frac{1-t}{864}(1-432 \cdot \frac{1-t}{864}) = \frac{1-t^2}{1728} = \frac{1}{m}$ , by Theorem 3.1 we have

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m^k} \\ \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m^k} \equiv \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{1-t}{864} \right)^k \right)^2 \pmod{p^2}.$$

Using Lemma 2.3 and Theorem 2.3 we see that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{1-t}{864} \right)^k \\ \equiv P_{\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \rfloor}(t) \equiv - \binom{3}{p} \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} (x^3 - 3x + 2t)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}.$$

This together with (4.1), Corollary 3.2 and the fact that  $p \mid \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}$  for  $\frac{p}{6} < k < p$  yields the result.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime and  $m, n \in R_p$  with  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then*

$$\left( \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p} \right) \right)^2 \\ \equiv \left( \frac{-3m}{p} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{12^3 \cdot 4m^3} \right)^k \\ \equiv \left( \frac{-3m}{p} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{12^3 \cdot 4m^3} \right)^k \pmod{p}.$$

Moreover, if  $\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p} \right) = 0$ , then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{12^3 \cdot 4m^3} \right)^k \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} k \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k} \left( \frac{4m^3 + 27n^2}{12^3 \cdot 4m^3} \right)^k \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Proof. We first assume that  $4m^3 + 27n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Clearly  $-3m \equiv \left(\frac{9n}{2m}\right)^2 \pmod{p}$  and so  $\left(\frac{-3m}{p}\right) = 1$ . As  $x^3 + mx + n \equiv \left(x - \frac{3n}{m}\right)\left(x + \frac{3n}{2m}\right)^2 \pmod{p}$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{\left(x - \frac{3n}{m}\right)\left(x + \frac{3n}{2m}\right)^2}{p}\right) = \sum_{\substack{x=0 \\ x \not\equiv -\frac{3n}{2m} \pmod{p}}}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x - \frac{3n}{m}}{p}\right) \\ &= \sum_{t=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{t}{p}\right) - \left(\frac{-\frac{3n}{2m} - \frac{3n}{m}}{p}\right) = -\left(\frac{-2mn}{p}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  we have  $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and so  $\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right) = -\left(\frac{-2mn}{p}\right) = \pm 1$ . Thus the result holds in this case.

Now we assume that  $4m^3 + 27n^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Set  $t = \frac{3n\sqrt{-3m}}{2m^2}$  and  $m_1 = \frac{1728 \cdot 4m^3}{4m^3 + 27n^2}$ . Then  $t = \sqrt{1 - 1728/m_1}$ . From Theorems 2.1 and 4.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right)\right)^2 \\ & \equiv (-3m)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(t)^2 \equiv \left(\frac{-3m}{p}\right) \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m_1^k} \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.10),  $p \mid \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}$  for  $\frac{p}{6} < k < p$ . If  $\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + mx + n}{p}\right) = 0$ , we must have  $P_{\left[\frac{p}{6}\right]}(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Thus, applying Theorem 4.1 we see that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m_1^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} \frac{k \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{m_1^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 4.3.** (See [S4, Conjecture 2.4].) *Let  $p$  be a prime such that  $p \neq 2, 3, 11$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{66^{3k}} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ \left(\frac{p}{33}\right) 4a^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p = a^2 + b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 2 \nmid a \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} \frac{k \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{66^{3k}} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \quad \text{with } p \neq 7.$$

Proof. Taking  $m = -11$  and  $n = 14$  in Theorem 4.2 and then applying (2.2) we deduce the result.

**Theorem 4.4.** (See [S<sub>4</sub>, Conjecture 2.5].) Let  $p > 5$  be a prime. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{20^{3k}} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } p \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}, \\ \left(\frac{-5}{p}\right) 4c^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p = c^2 + 2d^2 \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} \frac{k \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{20^{3k}} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } p \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8} \quad \text{with } p \neq 7.$$

Proof. Taking  $m = -30$  and  $n = 56$  in Theorem 4.2 and then applying the formula for  $\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \binom{x^3-30x+56}{p}$  in the proof of Corollary 2.2 we deduce the result.

**Theorem 4.5.** (See [S<sub>4</sub>, Conjecture 2.6].) Let  $p > 5$  be a prime. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{54000^k} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \\ \left(\frac{p}{5}\right) 4A^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p = A^2 + 3B^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} \frac{k \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{54000^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } p \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \quad \text{with } p \neq 11.$$

Proof. Taking  $m = -15$  and  $n = 22$  in Theorem 4.2 and then applying (2.3) we deduce the result.

**Theorem 4.6.** (See [S<sub>4</sub>, Conjecture 2.7].) Let  $p > 5$  be a prime. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-12288000)^k} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } 3 \mid p-2, \\ \left(\frac{10}{p}\right) L^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } 3 \mid p-1 \text{ and so } 4p = L^2 + 27M^2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor p/6 \rfloor} \frac{k \binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-12288000)^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \text{ for } p \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \text{ with } p \neq 11, 23.$$

Proof. Taking  $m = -120$  and  $n = 506$  in Theorem 4.2 and then applying (2.4) we deduce the result.

**Theorem 4.7.** (See [S4, Conjectures 2.8-2.9].) *Let  $p > 7$  be a prime. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-15)^{3k}} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7}, \\ \left(\frac{p}{15}\right) 4C^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p = C^2 + 7D^2 \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{255^{3k}} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7} \text{ and } p \neq 17, \\ \left(\frac{p}{255}\right) 4C^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } p = C^2 + 7D^2 \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From (2.5), (2.7) and Theorem 4.2 we deduce the result.

**Theorem 4.8.** (See [Su1, Conjecture A26].) *Let  $p \neq 2, 11$  be a prime. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-32)^{3k}} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{11}\right) = -1, \\ \left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) x^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{11}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = x^2 + 11y^2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Taking  $m = -96 \cdot 11$  and  $n = 112 \cdot 11^2$  in Theorem 4.2 and then applying (2.8) we deduce the result.

Similarly, from (2.9) and Theorem 4.2 we have the following result.

**Theorem 4.9.** (See [Su3, Conjectures 2.8-2.10].) *Let  $p > 3$  be a prime. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-96)^{3k}} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{19}\right) = -1, \\ \left(\frac{-6}{p}\right) x^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{19}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = x^2 + 19y^2, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-960)^{3k}} \\
& \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{43}\right) = -1 \text{ and } p \neq 5, \\ \left(\frac{p}{15}\right)x^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{43}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = x^2 + 43y^2, \end{cases} \\
& \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-5280)^{3k}} \\
& \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{67}\right) = -1 \text{ and } p \neq 5, 11, \\ \left(\frac{-330}{p}\right)x^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{67}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = x^2 + 67y^2 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\binom{2k}{k} \binom{3k}{k} \binom{6k}{3k}}{(-640320)^{3k}} \\
& \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{p^2} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{163}\right) = -1 \text{ and } p \neq 5, 23, 29, \\ \left(\frac{-10005}{p}\right)x^2 \pmod{p} & \text{if } \left(\frac{p}{163}\right) = 1 \text{ and so } 4p = x^2 + 163y^2. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.1** From [O] we know that the only  $j$ -invariants of elliptic curves over rational field  $\mathbb{Q}$  with complex multiplication are given by  $0, 12^3, -15^3, 20^3, -32^3, 2 \cdot 30^3, 66^3, -96^3, -3 \cdot 160^3, 255^3, -960^3, -5280^3, -640320^3$ , coinciding with the values of  $m$  in (3.3) and Theorems 4.3-4.9.

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