

Ayşe Alaca; Şaban Alaca; Kenneth S. Williams

Evaluation of the sums 
$$\sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{4}}}^{n-1} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-m)$$

*Czechoslovak Mathematical Journal*, Vol. 59 (2009), No. 3, 847–859

Persistent URL: <http://dml.cz/dmlcz/140520>

## Terms of use:

© Institute of Mathematics AS CR, 2009

Institute of Mathematics of the Czech Academy of Sciences provides access to digitized documents strictly for personal use. Each copy of any part of this document must contain these *Terms of use*.



This document has been digitized, optimized for electronic delivery and stamped with digital signature within the project *DML-CZ: The Czech Digital Mathematics Library* <http://dml.cz>

EVALUATION OF THE SUMS  $\sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{4}}}^{n-1} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-m)$

AYŞE ALACA, ŞABAN ALACA, KENNETH S. WILLIAMS, Ottawa

(Received April 28, 2008)

*Abstract.* The convolution sum

$$\sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{4}}}^{n-1} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-m)$$

is evaluated for  $a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This completes the partial evaluation given in the paper of J. G. Huard, Z. M. Ou, B. K. Spearman, K. S. Williams.

*Keywords:* convolution sums, sum of divisors function, theta functions

*MSC 2010:* 11A25, 11F27

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of positive integers. Let  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  denote the set of rational numbers. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we set

$$(1.1) \quad \sigma_k(n) := \sum_{\substack{d \in \mathbb{N} \\ d|n}} d^k.$$

If  $n \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $n \notin \mathbb{N}$ , we set  $\sigma_k(n) = 0$ . We write  $\sigma(n)$  for  $\sigma_1(n)$ . For  $a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  we define

$$(1.2) \quad S_{a,4}(n) := \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{4}}}^{n-1} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-m).$$

---

The second and third authors were supported by research grants from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

In [5, Theorem 9, p. 257] the authors gave a partial evaluation of the sums  $S_{a,4}(n)$  ( $a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ) using elementary considerations. They proved

$$(1.3) \quad S_{1,4}(n) = S_{3,4}(n) = \frac{1}{16}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{1}{16}\sigma_3(n/2), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.4) \quad S_{0,4}(n) + S_{2,4}(n) = \frac{7}{24}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{1}{8}\sigma_3(n/2) + \left(\frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{2}n\right)\sigma(n), \\ \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.5) \quad S_{0,4}(n) = S_{1,4}(n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.6) \quad S_{2,4}(n) = S_{3,4}(n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.7) \quad S_{0,4}(n) + S_{2,4}(n) = \frac{5}{24}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.8) \quad S_{0,4}(n) = S_{2,4}(n) = \frac{11}{72}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.9) \quad S_{1,4}(n) + S_{3,4}(n) = \frac{1}{9}\sigma_3(n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.10) \quad S_{0,4}(n) = S_{3,4}(n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.11) \quad S_{1,4}(n) = S_{2,4}(n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4},$$

$$(1.12) \quad S_{0,4}(n) + S_{1,4}(n) = \frac{5}{24}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}.$$

In this paper we give a complete determination of the  $S_{a,4}(n)$  ( $a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ) valid for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We need the integers  $c_8(n)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) defined by

$$(1.13) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n = q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2n})^4 (1 - q^{4n})^4, \quad q \in \mathbb{C}, \quad |q| < 1,$$

which were used in [6, Theorem 1, p. 388] to evaluate the convolution sum

$$\sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ m < n/8}} \sigma(n)\sigma(n - 8m).$$

(In [6] the integer  $c_8(n)$  was denoted by  $k(n)$ .) Clearly

$$(1.14) \quad c_8(n) = 0, \quad \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{2},$$

as noted in [6, p. 388]. We prove

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  then*

$$\begin{aligned} S_{0,4}(n) &= \frac{29}{192}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{17}{64}\sigma_3(n/2) + \left(\frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{2}n\right)\sigma(n), \\ S_{1,4}(n) &= \frac{1}{16}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{1}{16}\sigma_3(n/2), \\ S_{2,4}(n) &= \frac{9}{64}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{9}{64}\sigma_3(n/2), \\ S_{3,4}(n) &= \frac{1}{16}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{1}{16}\sigma_3(n/2). \end{aligned}$$

*If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  then*

$$\begin{aligned} S_{0,4}(n) &= \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) + \frac{3}{32}c_8(n), \\ S_{1,4}(n) &= \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) + \frac{3}{32}c_8(n), \\ S_{2,4}(n) &= \frac{3}{32}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{3}{32}c_8(n), \\ S_{3,4}(n) &= \frac{3}{32}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{3}{32}c_8(n). \end{aligned}$$

*If  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} S_{0,4}(n) &= \frac{11}{72}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n), \\ S_{1,4}(n) &= \frac{1}{18}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{1}{2}c_8(n/2), \\ S_{2,4}(n) &= \frac{11}{72}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n), \\ S_{3,4}(n) &= \frac{1}{18}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{1}{2}c_8(n/2). \end{aligned}$$

*If  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  then*

$$\begin{aligned} S_{0,4}(n) &= \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) + \frac{3}{32}c_8(n), \\ S_{1,4}(n) &= \frac{3}{32}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{3}{32}c_8(n), \\ S_{2,4}(n) &= \frac{3}{32}\sigma_3(n) - \frac{3}{32}c_8(n), \\ S_{3,4}(n) &= \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) + \frac{3}{32}c_8(n). \end{aligned}$$

In view of (1.3)–(1.12), it suffices to determine  $S_{0,4}(n)$  for  $n \equiv 0, 1, 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $S_{1,4}(n)$  for  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , in order to complete the proof of Theorem 1.1. In

Section 2 we prove some results on theta functions that we shall need. In Section 3 we evaluate  $S_{0,4}(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and in Section 4 we evaluate  $S_{1,4}(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

## 2. THETA FUNCTIONS

Let  $q$  be a complex variable with  $|q| < 1$ . As in [2, p. 6] we set

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi(q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2}$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad \psi(q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)}.$$

The basic properties of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi(q) + \varphi(-q) = 2\varphi(q^4), \quad [2, \text{Eq. (3.6.1), p. 71}],$$

$$(2.4) \quad \varphi(q) - \varphi(-q) = 4q\psi(q^8), \quad [2, \text{Eq. (3.6.2), p. 71}],$$

$$(2.5) \quad \varphi(q)\psi(q^2) = \psi^2(q), \quad [2, \text{Eq. (3.6.3), p. 71}],$$

$$(2.6) \quad \varphi^2(q) + \varphi^2(-q) = 2\varphi^2(q^2), \quad [2, \text{Eq. (3.6.7), p. 72}],$$

$$(2.7) \quad \varphi^4(q) - \varphi^4(-q) = 16q\psi^4(q^2), \quad [2, \text{Eq. (3.6.8), p. 72}],$$

$$(2.8) \quad \varphi(-q)\varphi(q) = \varphi^2(-q^2), \quad [2, \text{Eq. (1.3.32), p. 15}].$$

We need the following two identities.

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\varphi^4(-q)\psi^4(q) + \varphi^4(q)\psi^4(-q) = 2\varphi^2(-q)\varphi^2(q^2)\psi^4(q)$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi^4(-q)\psi^4(q) + \varphi^4(q)\psi^4(-q) \\ &= \varphi^4(-q)\varphi^2(q)\psi^2(q^2) + \varphi^4(q)\varphi^2(-q)\psi^2(q^2) \quad (\text{by (2.5)}) \\ &= \varphi^2(-q)\varphi^2(q)(\varphi^2(-q) + \varphi^2(q))\psi^2(q^2) \\ &= 2\varphi^2(-q)\varphi^2(q)\varphi^2(q^2)\psi^2(q^2) \quad (\text{by (2.6)}) \\ &= 2\varphi^2(-q)\varphi^2(q^2)\psi^4(q), \quad (\text{by (2.5)}) \end{aligned}$$

as asserted. □

**Lemma 2.2.**  $\varphi^4(-q)\psi^4(q) - \varphi^4(q)\psi^4(-q) = -8q\varphi(q^2)\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^3(q^4)$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \varphi^4(-q)\psi^4(q) - \varphi^4(q)\psi^4(-q) \\
 &= \varphi^4(-q)\varphi^2(q)\psi^2(q^2) - \varphi^4(q)\varphi^2(-q)\psi^2(q^2) \quad (\text{by (2.5)}) \\
 &= \varphi^2(q)\varphi^2(-q)(\varphi^2(-q) - \varphi^2(q))\psi^2(q^2) \\
 &= -8q\varphi^2(q)\varphi^2(-q)\varphi(q^4)\psi(q^8)\psi^2(q^2) \quad (\text{by (2.3) and (2.4)}) \\
 &= -8q\varphi^4(-q^2)\varphi(q^4)\psi(q^8)\psi^2(q^2) \quad (\text{by (2.8)}) \\
 &= -8q\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^2(q^4)\psi^2(q^2) \quad (\text{by (2.5)}) \\
 &= -8q\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^2(q^4)\varphi(q^2)\psi(q^4), \quad (\text{by (2.5)}) \\
 &= -8q\varphi(q^2)\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^3(q^4),
 \end{aligned}$$

as asserted. □

The infinite product representations of  $\varphi(\pm q)$  and  $\psi(\pm q)$  are due to Jacobi, namely,

$$(2.9) \quad \varphi(q) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{2n})^5}{(1 - q^n)^2(1 - q^{4n})^2}, \quad \varphi(-q) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^n)^2}{(1 - q^{2n})},$$

$$(2.10) \quad \psi(q) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{2n})^2}{(1 - q^n)}, \quad \psi(-q) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{4n})}{(1 - q^{2n})}.$$

**Lemma 2.3.**  $\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n = q\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^4(q^2)$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 q\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^4(q^2) &= q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2n})^4(1 - q^{4n})^4 \quad (\text{by (2.9) and (2.10)}) \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n \quad (\text{by (1.13) and (1.14)})
 \end{aligned}$$

as required. □

We are now ready to prove the main result of this section.

**Theorem 2.1.**

$$(i) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n = q\varphi^2(-q^2)\varphi^2(q^4)\psi^4(q^2);$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n = -4q^3\varphi(q^4)\varphi^4(-q^4)\psi^3(q^8).$$

Proof. (i) We have by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.1

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n &= \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n) \left( \frac{2i + i^n - (-i)^n}{4i} \right) q^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n + \frac{1}{4i} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)(iq)^n - \frac{1}{4i} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)(-iq)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2}q\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^4(q^2) + \frac{1}{4i}(iq)\varphi^4(q^2)\psi^4(-q^2) - \frac{1}{4i}(-iq)\varphi^4(q^2)\psi^4(-q^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}q(\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^4(q^2) + \varphi^4(q^2)\psi^4(-q^2)) \\ &= q\varphi^2(-q^2)\varphi^2(q^4)\psi^4(q^2). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.2

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n &= \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n) \left( \frac{2i - i^n + (-i)^n}{4i} \right) q^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n - \frac{1}{4i} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)(iq)^n + \frac{1}{4i} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)(-iq)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{2}q\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^4(q^2) - \frac{1}{4i}(iq)\varphi^4(q^2)\psi^4(-q^2) + \frac{1}{4i}(-iq)\varphi^4(q^2)\psi^4(-q^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}q(\varphi^4(-q^2)\psi^4(q^2) - \varphi^4(q^2)\psi^4(-q^2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}q(-8q^2\varphi(q^4)\varphi^4(-q^4)\psi^3(q^8)) \\ &= -4q^3\varphi(q^4)\varphi^4(-q^4)\psi^3(q^8). \end{aligned}$$

□

Following Berndt [2, pp. 119–120] we set

$$(2.11) \quad x = 1 - \frac{\varphi^4(-q)}{\varphi^4(q)}$$

and

$$(2.12) \quad z = \varphi^2(q).$$

From Berndt's catalogue of formulae for theta functions [2, pp. 122–123], we have

$$(2.13) \quad \varphi(q) = \sqrt{z},$$

$$(2.14) \quad \varphi(q^2) = \sqrt{z} \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sqrt{1-x}}{2}},$$

$$(2.15) \quad \varphi(q^4) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{z} (1 + (1-x)^{1/4}),$$

$$(2.16) \quad \varphi(-q) = \sqrt{z} (1-x)^{1/4},$$

$$(2.17) \quad \varphi(-q^2) = \sqrt{z} (1-x)^{1/8},$$

$$(2.18) \quad \varphi(-q^4) = \sqrt{z} (1-x)^{1/16} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1-x}}{2} \right)^{1/4},$$

$$(2.19) \quad \psi(q) = \sqrt{\frac{z}{2}} \left( \frac{x}{q} \right)^{1/8},$$

$$(2.20) \quad \psi(q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{z} \left( \frac{x}{q} \right)^{1/4},$$

$$(2.21) \quad \psi(q^4) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{z}{2}} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-x}}{q} \right)^{1/2},$$

$$(2.22) \quad \psi(q^8) = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{z} \frac{(1 - (1-x)^{1/4})}{q}.$$

Appealing to these formulae and Theorem 2.1, we obtain

**Theorem 2.2.**

$$(i) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n) q^n = \frac{1}{64} x (1-x)^{1/4} (1 + (1-x)^{1/4})^2 z^4;$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n) q^n = -\frac{1}{64} x (1-x)^{1/4} (1 - (1-x)^{1/4})^2 z^4.$$



Following Cheng [3, p. 131] we set

$$(2.23) \quad g = (1 - x)^{1/4}.$$

Then Theorem 2.2 can be reformulated as

**Theorem 2.3.**

$$(i) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n = \frac{1}{64}(g + 2g^2 + g^3 - g^5 - 2g^6 - g^7)z^4;$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^n = \frac{1}{64}(-g + 2g^2 - g^3 + g^5 - 2g^6 + g^7)z^4.$$

We also need the sum  $\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n/2)q^n$  in terms of  $g$  and  $z$ .

**Theorem 2.4.**

$$\sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n/2)q^n = \frac{1}{128}(g - g^3 - g^5 + g^7)z^4.$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.3, (2.18), (2.21) and (2.23), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n/2)q^n &= \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}}^{\infty} c_8(n)q^{2n} \\ &= q^2 \varphi^4(-q^4) \psi^4(q^4) \\ &= \frac{1}{128}(1 - x)^{1/4}(1 + \sqrt{1 - x})(1 - \sqrt{1 - x})^2 z^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{128}(g - g^3 - g^5 + g^7)z^4, \end{aligned}$$

as asserted. □

Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the set of integers. We define

$$(2.24) \quad L_{a,k}(q) := \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv a \pmod{k}}}^{\infty} \sigma(n)q^n, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

and

$$(2.25) \quad M_{a,k}(q) := \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv a \pmod{k}}}^{\infty} \sigma_3(n)q^n, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The following two results are due to Cheng [3, Theorem 3.5.1, p. 139; Theorem 2.5.1, p. 67].

**Theorem 2.5.**

$$L_{1,4}(q) = \frac{1}{32}(1 + 2g - 2g^3 - g^4)z^2.$$

**Theorem 2.6.**

$$M_{1,2}(q) = \frac{1}{32}(1 - g^8)z^4.$$

We need  $M_{1,2}(q^2)$  in terms of  $g$  and  $z$ .

**Theorem 2.7.**

$$M_{1,2}(q^2) = \frac{1}{512}(1 + 4g^2 - 10g^4 + 4g^6 + g^8)z^4.$$

*Proof.* Jacobi's duplication principle (see for example [2, Theorem 5.3.1, p. 121]) asserts that if  $q \rightarrow q^2$  then  $x \rightarrow ((1 - \sqrt{1-x})/(1 + \sqrt{1-x}))^2$  and  $z \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1-x})z$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} g^8 &= (1-x)^2 \rightarrow \left(1 - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{1-x}}{1 + \sqrt{1-x}}\right)^2\right)^2 \\ &= \left(1 - \left(\frac{1-g^2}{1+g^2}\right)^2\right)^2 = \frac{16g^4}{(1+g^2)^4} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$z \rightarrow \frac{(1+g^2)}{2}z.$$

Hence, by Theorem 2.6, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M_{1,2}(q^2) &= \frac{1}{32} \left(1 - \frac{16g^4}{(1+g^2)^4}\right) \left(\frac{(1+g^2)}{2}z\right)^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{512}((1+g^2)^4 - 16g^4)z^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{512}(1 + 4g^2 - 10g^4 + 4g^6 + g^8)z^4 \end{aligned}$$

as asserted. □

### 3. EVALUATION OF $S_{0,4}(n)$ FOR ALL $n \in \mathbb{N}$

For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\sigma(2m) = 3\sigma(m) - 2\sigma(m/2).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(4m) &= 3\sigma(2m) - 2\sigma(m) = 3(3\sigma(m) - 2\sigma(m/2)) - 2\sigma(m) \\ &= 7\sigma(m) - 6\sigma(m/2).\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}S_{0,4}(n) &= \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}}}^{n-1} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-m) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ m < n/4}} \sigma(4m)\sigma(n-4m) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ m < n/4}} (7\sigma(m) - 6\sigma(m/2))\sigma(n-4m) \\ &= 7 \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ m < n/4}} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-4m) - 6 \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ m < n/8}} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-8m).\end{aligned}$$

It is shown in [5, Theorem 4, p. 249] that

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ m < n/4}} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-4m) &= \frac{1}{48}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{1}{16}\sigma_3(n/2) + \frac{1}{3}\sigma_3(n/4) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{16}n\right)\sigma(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n/4)\end{aligned}$$

and in [6, Theorem 1, p. 388] that

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ m < n/8}} \sigma(m)\sigma(n-8m) &= \frac{1}{192}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{1}{64}\sigma_3(n/2) + \frac{1}{16}\sigma_3(n/4) + \frac{1}{3}\sigma_3(n/8) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{32}n\right)\sigma(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n/8) - \frac{1}{64}c_8(n).\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$S_{0,4}(n) = \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{11}{32}\sigma_3(n/2) + \frac{47}{24}\sigma_3(n/4) - 2\sigma_3(n/8) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) \\ + \left(\frac{7}{24} - \frac{7}{4}n\right)\sigma(n/4) - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2}n\right)\sigma(n/8) + \frac{3}{32}c_8(n).$$

If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  or  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  we obtain

$$S_{0,4}(n) = \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) + \frac{3}{32}c_8(n).$$

If  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  we obtain by (1.14)

$$S_{0,4}(n) = \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{11}{32}\sigma_3(n/2) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) \\ = \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{11}{288}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) \\ = \frac{11}{72}\sigma_3(n) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n),$$

as in (1.8). If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  we obtain by (1.14)

$$S_{0,4}(n) = \frac{11}{96}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{11}{32}\sigma_3(n/2) + \frac{47}{24}\left(\frac{9}{8}\sigma_3(n/2) - \frac{1}{8}\sigma_3(n)\right) \\ - 2\left(\frac{73}{64}\sigma_3(n/2) - \frac{9}{64}\sigma_3(n)\right) + \left(\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4}n\right)\sigma(n) \\ + \left(\frac{7}{24} - \frac{7}{4}n\right)\left(\frac{3}{2}\sigma(n/2) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma(n)\right) \\ - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2}n\right)\left(\frac{7}{4}\sigma(n/2) - \frac{3}{4}\sigma(n)\right) \\ = \frac{29}{192}\sigma_3(n) + \frac{17}{64}\sigma_3(n/2) + \left(\frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{2}n\right)\sigma(n).$$

The formula for  $S_{0,4}(n)$  when  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  is in agreement with that given in [4, Theorem 4.1, p. 570].

#### 4. EVALUATION OF $S_{1,4}(n)$ FOR $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

By Theorem 2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} S_{1,4}(n)q^n &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{\substack{l, m \in \mathbb{N} \\ l+m=n \\ l \equiv m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} \sigma(l)\sigma(m) \right) q^n \\
 &= \left( \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \equiv 1 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} \sigma(l)q^l \right)^2 = L_{1,4}^2(q) \\
 &= \left( \frac{1}{32}(1 + 2g - 2g^3 - g^4)z^2 \right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{1024}(1 + 4g + 4g^2 - 4g^3 - 10g^4 - 4g^5 + 4g^6 + 4g^7 + g^8)z^4 \\
 &= \frac{1}{1024}(1 + 4g^2 - 10g^4 + 4g^6 + g^8)z^4 + \frac{1}{256}(g - g^3 - g^5 + g^7)z^4 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}M_{1,2}(q^2) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} c_8(n/2)q^n \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}}}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2}\sigma_3(n/2) + \frac{1}{2}c_8(n/2) \right) q^n
 \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$S_{1,4}(n) = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_3(n/2) + \frac{1}{2}c_8(n/2), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}.$$

#### 5. FINAL REMARKS

The evaluations of Sections 3 and 4 complete the proof of Theorem 1.1. In the paper [1] the authors make use of Theorem 1.1 to determine the number of representations of a positive integer  $n$  by certain diagonal integral quadratic forms in eight variables.

#### *References*

- [1] *A. Alaca, S. Alaca, K. S. Williams*: Seven octonary quadratic form. *Acta Arith.* 135 (2008), 339–350.
- [2] *B. C. Berndt*: *Number Theory in the Spirit of Ramanujan*. American Mathematical Society (AMS), Providence, 2006.
- [3] *N. Cheng*: Convolution sums involving divisor functions. M.Sc. thesis. Carleton University, Ottawa, 2003.

- [4] *N. Cheng, K. S. Williams*: Convolution sums involving the divisor function. Proc. Edinb. Math. Soc. *47* (2004), 561–572.
- [5] *J. G. Huard, Z. M. Ou, B. K. Spearman, K. S. Williams*: Elementary evaluation of certain convolution sums involving divisor functions. Number Theory for the Millenium II (Urbana, IL, 2000). A.K. Peters, Natick, 2002, pp. 229–274.
- [6] *K. S. Williams*: The convolution sum  $\sum_{m < n/8} \sigma(m)\sigma(n - 8m)$ . Pac. J. Math. *228* (2006), 387–396.

*Authors' address:* A. Alaca, Ş Alaca, K. S. Williams, Centre for Research in Algebra and Number Theory, School of Mathematics and Statistics, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1S 5B6, e-mail: [aalaca@connect.carleton.ca](mailto:aalaca@connect.carleton.ca), [salaca@connect.carleton.ca](mailto:salaca@connect.carleton.ca), [kwilliam@connect.carleton.ca](mailto:kwilliam@connect.carleton.ca)