

# Some congruences on the hyper-sums of powers of integers involving Fermat quotient and Bernoulli numbers

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**Abstract:** For a given prime  $p \geq 5$ , let  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  denote the set of rational  $p$ -integers (those rational numbers whose denominator is not divisible by  $p$ ). In this paper, we establish some congruences modulo a prime power  $p^5$  on the hyper-sums of powers of integers in terms of Fermat quotient, Wolstenholme quotient, Bernoulli and Euler numbers.

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## 1 Introduction

For a given prime  $p$  and  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ , the generalized harmonic numbers  $H_{p-1}^{(k)}$  are the rational numbers defined as

$$H_{p-1}^{(k)} = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq p-1} \frac{1}{i_1 \cdots i_k}. \quad (1)$$

The harmonic numbers  $h_{p-1}^{(k)}$  of order  $k$  are defined as

$$h_{p-1}^{(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i^k}. \quad (2)$$

From Newton's formula [4, p. 140], we can express  $H_{p-1}^{(k)}$  as

$$H_{p-1}^{(k)} = \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} \left( h_{p-1}^{(k)} + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} (-1)^l H_{p-1}^{(l)} h_{p-1}^{(k-l)} \right), \quad (3)$$

with  $H_{p-1}^{(0)} = 1$ .

The classical harmonic numbers  $h_{p-1}$  are defined by

$$h_{p-1} := H_{p-1}^{(1)} = h_{p-1}^{(1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{p-1},$$

which correspond to the case  $k = 1$  and  $H_{p-1}^{(0)} = h_{p-1}^{(0)} = 1$  correspond to the case  $k = 0$ .

The rising factorial denoted by  $x^{\bar{n}}$ , is defined by  $x^{\bar{n}} = x(x+1) \cdots (x+n-1)$  with  $x^{\bar{0}} = 1$ . The (unsigned) Stirling number  $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}$  of the first kind (see [2]) is defined by

$$x^{\bar{n}} = \sum_{k=0}^n \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} x^k,$$

with

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ if } n > 0 \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ if } k > n \text{ or } k < 0.$$

For a positive integer  $n \geq k \geq 1$ , the relation between the (unsigned) Stirling number and the generalized harmonic numbers is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = (n-1)! H_{n-1}^{(k-1)}. \quad (4)$$

The Fermat's little theorem [3] states that if  $p$  is a prime and  $a$  is an integer not divisible by  $p$ , then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . This gives rise to the definition of the Fermat quotient of  $p$  to base  $a$ ,

$$q_p(a) = \frac{a^{p-1} - 1}{p},$$

the first, second and cube powers of the Fermat quotient to base 2 is defined by

$$q_p(2)^n = \left( \frac{2^{p-1} - 1}{p} \right)^n, \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3.$$

Note that  $q_p(2) := q_p(2)^1$ . The Bernoulli numbers  $B_n$  are defined recursively by

$$B_0 = 1 \text{ and } \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} B_k = 0, \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

The Euler numbers  $E_n$  are integers defined by

$$E_0 = 1 \text{ and } \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} E_{n-k} = 0, \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

The hyper-sums of powers of integers  $S_d^{(r)}(n)$  are defined recursively as

$$\begin{aligned} S_0^{(r)}(n) &= \binom{n+r}{r+1}, r \geq 0, \\ S_d^{(0)}(n) &= 1^d + 2^d + \dots + n^d, \\ S_d^{(r)}(n) &= \sum_{j=1}^n S_d^{(r-1)}(j), \quad n, r, d \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

In a recent paper, Bounebirat et al. [5] presented a new explicit formula for the hyper-sums of powers of integers  $S_d^{(r)}(n)$  involving binomial coefficient

$$S_d^{(r)}(n) = \sum_{j=1}^n \binom{n+r-j}{r} j^d.$$

In the present paper, we show that

$$S_d^{(r)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{(r+1)} \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha-1} H_r^{(k-1)} p^k \pmod{p^\alpha}.$$

## 2 Some basic congruences

In this section, we give some congruences modulo a prime power  $p^5$  involving harmonic numbers and generalized harmonic numbers of second order and third order.

**Lemma 1.** *For any prime  $p > 5$ . Then*

$$p^2 h_{p-1} \equiv -\frac{1}{3} p^4 B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}, \quad (5)$$

$$p^3 h_{p-1}^{(2)} \equiv \frac{2}{3} p^4 B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5} \quad (6)$$

and

$$p^2 h_{p-1}^{(3)} \equiv -\frac{6}{5} p^4 B_{p-5} \pmod{p^5}. \quad (7)$$

*Proof.* Multiplying the congruence (a) of Theorem 5.1 [7] by  $p^2$  and taking  $k = 1$  we immediately obtain the congruence (5). By using the congruence of the Corollary 5.1 [7] with  $k = 2$  and multiplying by  $p^3$  we obtain the congruence (6). Finally using the congruence (a) of Theorem 5.1 [7] with  $k = 3$  and multiplying by  $p^2$  we can find the congruence (7).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** *For any prime  $p > 5$ . Then*

$$p^2 h_{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv -2p^2 q_p(2) + p^3 q_p(2)^2 - \frac{2}{3} p^4 q_p(2)^3 - \frac{7}{12} p^4 B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}, \quad (8)$$

$$p^3 h_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^{(2)} \equiv \frac{7}{3} p^4 B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5} \quad (9)$$

and

$$p^4 h_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^{(3)} \equiv -2p^4 B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}. \quad (10)$$

*Proof.* Multiplying the congruence (c) of Theorem 5.2 [7] by  $p^2$  we immediately obtain the congruence (8). By using the congruence (a) of Theorem 5.2 [7] with  $k = 2$  and multiplying by  $p^3$  we have the congruence (9). Finally, using the congruence (b) of Corollary 5.2 [7] with  $k = 3$  and multiplying by  $p^4$ , we can find the congruence (10).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *For any prime  $p > 5$ . Then*

$$p^2 h_{[p/4]} \equiv -3p^2 q_p(2) + p^3 \left( \frac{3}{2} q_p(2)^2 + (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (E_{2p-4} - 2E_{p-3}) \right) - p^4 \left( q_p(2)^3 + \frac{7}{12} B_{p-3} \right) \pmod{p^5}, \quad (11)$$

$$p^3 h_{[p/4]}^{(2)} \equiv p^3 (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (8E_{p-3} - 4E_{2p-4}) + \frac{14}{3} p^4 B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5} \quad (12)$$

and

$$p^4 h_{[p/4]}^{(3)} \equiv -9p^4 B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}, \quad (13)$$

where  $[p/4]$  the integral part of  $p/4$ .

*Proof.* Multiplying the congruence of Theorem 3.2 [8] by  $p^2$  we immediately obtain the congruence (11). By using the congruence of Corollary 3.8 [8] and multiplying by  $p^3$ , we find the congruence (12). By using the congruence of Corollary 3.4 [8] and multiplying by  $p^4$ , we get the congruence (13).  $\square$

### 3 Main results

In 2017, Laissaoui, Bounebirat and Rahmani [5] proved, for any prime  $p$  and for  $r \geq 0$  with  $r + 1|p$  and  $p - 1|d$ , the congruence

$$S_d^{(r)}(p) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}.$$

This result, give to extend the congruence as follows:

**Theorem 1.** *For any prime  $p$ . Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^*$  with  $p \geq \alpha \geq 2$  then  $d \in \mathbb{N}^*$  with  $p^{\alpha-1}(p-1)|d$  and let  $r \in \{\alpha - 2, \alpha - 1, \dots, p - 2\}$ , we have*

$$S_d^{(r)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{(r+1)} \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha-1} H_r^{(k-1)} p^k \pmod{p^\alpha}. \quad (14)$$

*Proof.* By Euler's theorem for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  we have  $k^{\varphi(p^\alpha)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha}$  (where  $\varphi(p^\alpha) = p^\alpha - p^{\alpha-1}$  is the Euler's totient function)

$$S_d^{(r)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{(r+1)!} \sum_{k=1}^{r+1} \binom{r+1}{k} p^k \pmod{p^\alpha}.$$

Since  $r \in \{\alpha - 2, \alpha - 1, \dots, p - 2\}$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{(r + 1)!} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{r+1} \binom{r+1}{k} p^k \equiv \binom{r+1}{1} p + \binom{r+1}{2} p^2 + \dots + \binom{r+1}{\alpha-1} p^{\alpha-1} \pmod{p^\alpha},$$

we find that

$$S_d^{(r)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{(r + 1)!} \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha-1} \binom{r+1}{k} p^k \pmod{p^\alpha},$$

using the identity (4), we get

$$S_d^{(r)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{(r + 1)} \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha-1} H_r^{(k-1)} p^k \pmod{p^\alpha}.$$

This completes the proof. □

Thus, for example, when  $\alpha = 5$  in (14) and using (3), we obtain:

**Corollary 2.** For any prime  $p \geq 5$ , with  $p^4(p - 1) | d$  and  $r \in \{3, 4, \dots, p - 2\}$ , we have

$$S_d^{(r)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{(r + 1)} (pH_r^{(0)} + p^2H_r^{(1)} + p^3H_r^{(2)} + p^4H_r^{(3)}) \pmod{p^5}$$

and

$$S_d^{(r)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{(r + 1)} \left( p + p^2h_r + \frac{p^3}{2} (h_r^2 - h_r^{(2)}) + \frac{p^4}{6} (h_r^3 - 3h_r h_r^{(2)} + 2h_r^{(3)}) \right) \pmod{p^5}.$$

With the help of the congruence modulo a prime power  $p^5$  on the hyper-sums of powers of integers of Corollary 2, we obtain the following new congruences.

For  $r = p - 2$  in the Corollary 2, give congruence  $S_d^{(p-2)}(p) \pmod{p^5}$  involving Bernoulli numbers.

**Corollary 3.** For any prime  $p > 5$  with  $p^4(p - 1) | d$ . Then

$$S_d^{(p-2)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{p}{p-1} - \frac{p^2}{(p-1)^2} + \frac{p^3}{(p-1)^3} - \frac{p^4}{(p-1)^4} - \frac{2p^4}{3(p-1)} B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}.$$

*Proof.* Taking  $r = p - 2$  in the Corollary 1, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} S_d^{(p-2)}(p) &\equiv -1 + \frac{1}{p-1} \left( p + p^2h_{p-2} + p^3 \frac{1}{2} (h_{p-2}^2 - h_{p-2}^{(2)}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + p^4 \frac{1}{6} (h_{p-2}^3 - 3h_{p-2} h_{p-2}^{(2)} + 2h_{p-2}^{(3)}) \right) \pmod{p^5}, \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

where  $h_{p-2} = h_{p-1} - \frac{1}{p-1}$ ,  $h_{p-2}^{(2)} = h_{p-1} - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2}$ ,  $h_{p-2}^{(3)} = h_{p-1} - \frac{1}{(p-1)^3}$  and by using Lemma 1, we find that

$$p^2H_{p-2}^{(1)} \equiv -p^4 \frac{1}{3} B_{p-3} - \frac{p^2}{(p-1)} \pmod{p^5}, \tag{16}$$

$$p^3 H_{p-2}^{(2)} \equiv -p^4 \frac{1}{3} B_{p-3} + \frac{p^3}{(p-1)^2} \pmod{p^5} \quad (17)$$

and

$$p^4 H_{p-2}^{(3)} \equiv -\frac{p^4}{(p-1)^3} \pmod{p^5}. \quad (18)$$

Substituting the congruences (16), (17) and (18) into (15) and after some rearrangement, we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

The following result immediately follows from Corollary 3 give congruence in terms of Wolstenholme quotient.

Recall that a prime  $p$  is said to be a Wolstenholme prime [6] if

$$\binom{2p-1}{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^4}.$$

This gives rise to the definition of the Wolstenholme quotient

$$W_p = \frac{\binom{2p-1}{p-1} - 1}{p^3}, \text{ for } p \geq 5.$$

**Corollary 4.** *For Wolstenholme prime  $p$ . We have*

$$S_d^{(p-2)}(p) \equiv -\sum_{k=0}^4 (-1)^k \frac{p^k}{(p-1)^k} + \frac{p^4}{p-1} 2W_p \pmod{p^5}.$$

*Proof.* By using congruence  $W_p \equiv -\frac{1}{3} B_{p-3} \pmod{p}$  (see [1]), we have

$$p^4 B_{p-3} \equiv -3p^4 W_p \pmod{p^5},$$

substituting this congruence into the congruence of Corollary 3, it immediately reduces to Corollary 4.  $\square$

The following result generalize the above Corollary 3 and Corollary 4, for  $\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

**Corollary 5.** *For any prime  $p > 5$  with  $p^{\alpha-1}(p-1) | d$ , we have*

$$S_d^{(p-2)}(p) \equiv -\sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \left( (-1)^k \frac{p^k}{(p-1)^k} + \frac{2p^k}{3(p-1)} B_{p-3} \delta_{4,k} \right) \pmod{p^\alpha}$$

and for Wolstenholme prime  $p$ , we have

$$S_d^{(p-2)}(p) \equiv -\sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \left( (-1)^k \frac{p^k}{(p-1)^k} - \frac{2p^k}{p-1} W_p \delta_{4,k} \right) \pmod{p^\alpha},$$

where  $\delta_{i,j}$  denotes the Kronecker symbol.

For  $r = \frac{p-1}{2}$  in the Corollary 2, give congruence modulo  $S_d^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)}(p) \equiv \pmod{p^5}$  involving the first, second and cube powers of the Fermat quotient to base 2, and Bernoulli numbers.

**Corollary 6.** For any prime  $p \geq 7$  with  $p^4(p-1)|d$ . Then

$$S_d^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{2}{p+1} \left( p - 2p^2q_2(p) + 3p^3q_2(p)^2 - 4p^4q_2(p)^3 - \frac{29}{12}p^4B_{p-3} \right) \pmod{p^5}. \quad (19)$$

*Proof.* Taking  $r = \frac{p-1}{2}$  in the Corollary 1 we find that

$$S_d^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{2}{p+1} \left( p + p^2h_{\frac{p-1}{2}} + p^3\frac{1}{2} \left( h_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^2 - h_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^{(2)} \right) + p^4\frac{1}{6} \left( h_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^3 - 3h_{\frac{p-1}{2}}h_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^{(2)} + 2h_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^{(3)} \right) \right) \pmod{p^5}. \quad (20)$$

By using Lemma 2, we get

$$p^2H_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^{(1)} \equiv -2p^2q_p(2) + p^3q_p(2)^2 - \frac{2}{3}p^4q_p(2)^3 - \frac{7}{12}p^4B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}, \quad (21)$$

$$p^3H_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^{(2)} \equiv 2p^3q_p(2)^2 - 2p^4q_p(2)^3 - \frac{7}{6}p^4B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5} \quad (22)$$

and

$$p^4H_{\frac{p-1}{2}}^{(3)} \equiv -\frac{4}{3}p^4q_p(2)^3 - \frac{2}{3}p^4B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}. \quad (23)$$

Substituting the congruences (21), (22) and (23) into (20) and after some rearrangement, we get

$$\begin{aligned} S_d^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)}(p) &\equiv -1 + \frac{2}{p+1} \left( p - 2p^2q_p(2) + 3p^3q_p(2)^2 - 4p^4q_p(2)^3 - \frac{29}{12}p^4B_{p-3} \right) \\ &= -1 + \frac{2}{p+1} \sum_{k=0}^3 (-1)^k (k+1)p^{k+1}q_p(2)^k - \frac{29}{6} \frac{p^4}{p+1} B_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. □

The following Corollary immediately follows from Theorem 6, give congruence in terms of the first, second and cube powers of the Fermat quotient to base 2, and Wolstenholme quotient.

**Corollary 7.** For Wolstenholme prime  $p$  with  $p^4(p-1)|d$ . We have

$$S_d^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{2}{p+1} \left( p - 2p^2q_p(2) + 3p^3q_p(2)^2 - 4p^4q_p(2)^3 + \frac{29}{4}p^4W_p \right) \pmod{p^5}.$$

*Proof.* This is immediate from Theorem 6 and congruence  $W_p \equiv -\frac{1}{3}B_{p-3} \pmod{p}$ . □

Now we give the following result more general than Corollary 6, and Corollary 7, for  $\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

**Corollary 8.** For any prime  $p \geq 7$  with  $p^{\alpha-1}(p-1)|d$ , we have

$$S_d^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{2}{p+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \left( (k+1)p^{k+1}(-1)^kq_p(2)^k - \frac{29}{6}p^k B_{p-3}\delta_{4,k} \right) \pmod{p^\alpha},$$

and for Wolstenholme prime  $p$ , we have

$$S_d^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{2}{p+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \left( (k+1)p^{k+1}(-1)^kq_p(2)^k + \frac{29}{4}p^k W_p \delta_{4,k} \right) \pmod{p^\alpha},$$

where  $\delta_{i,j}$  denotes the Kronecker symbol.

Now for the case  $r = [p/4]$ , in Corollary 2, give congruence  $S_d^{([p/4])}(p) \pmod{p^5}$  involving the first, second and cube powers of the Fermat quotient to base 2, Bernoulli and Euler numbers.

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $p \geq 13$  be a prime with  $p^4(p-1)|d$ . Then*

$$S_d^{([p/4])}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{[p/4] + 1} (p - 3p^2q_p(2) + 6p^3q_p(2)^2 - 10p^4q_p(2)^3) \\ + \frac{p^3}{[p/4] + 1} (3E_{2p-4} - 6E_{p-3}) + \frac{p^4}{[p/4] + 1} \left( 9q_p(2)E_{p-3} - \frac{71}{12}B_{p-3} \right) \pmod{p^5}.$$

*Proof.* Taking  $r = [p/4]$  in the Corollary 1, we get

$$S_d^{([p/4])}(p) \equiv \frac{1}{[p/4] + 1} \left( p + p^2h_{[p/4]} + \frac{p^3}{2} (h_{[p/4]}^2 - h_{[p/4]}^{(2)}) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{p^4}{6} (h_{[p/4]}^3 - 3h_{[p/4]}h_{[p/4]}^{(2)} + 2h_{[p/4]}^{(3)}) \right) \pmod{p^5}. \quad (24)$$

By using Lemma 3, and  $p^4E_{2p-4} \equiv p^4E_{p-3} \pmod{p^5}$ , we have

$$p^2H_{[p/4]}^{(1)} \equiv -3p^2q_p(2) + p^3 \left( \frac{3}{2}q_p(2)^2 + (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (E_{2p-4} - 2E_{p-3}) \right) \\ + p^4 \left( -q_p(2)^3 - \frac{7}{12}B_{p-3} \right) \pmod{p^5}, \quad (25)$$

$$p^3H_{[p/4]}^{(2)} \equiv p^3 \left( \frac{9}{2}q_p(2)^2 - (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (4E_{p-3} - 2E_{2p-4}) \right) \\ + p^4 \left( -\frac{9}{2}q_p(2)^3 + 3(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} q_p(2)E_{p-3} - \frac{7}{3}B_{p-3} \right) \pmod{p^5} \quad (26)$$

and

$$p^4H_{[p/4]}^{(3)} \equiv p^4 \left( -\frac{9}{2}q_p(2)^3 + 6(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} q_p(2)E_{p-3} - 3B_{p-3} \right) \pmod{p^5}. \quad (27)$$

Substituting the congruences (25), (26) and (27) into (24) and after some rearrangement, we obtain

$$S_d^{([p/4])}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{[p/4] + 1} (p - 3p^2q_p(2) + 6p^3q_p(2)^2 - 10p^4q_p(2)^3) \\ + \frac{p^3}{[p/4] + 1} (3E_{2p-4} - 6E_{p-3}) + \frac{p^4}{[p/4] + 1} \left( 9q_p(2)E_{p-3} - \frac{71}{12}B_{p-3} \right) \pmod{p^5}.$$

This completes the proof. □

Other congruences for  $S_d^{([p/4])}(p) \pmod{p^5}$  involving the first, second and cube powers of the Fermat quotient to base 2, Wolstenholme quotient and Euler number are given as follows.

**Corollary 10.** *For Wolstenholme prime  $p$ . We have*

$$S_d^{([p/4])}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{[p/4] + 1} (p - 3p^2q_p(2) + 6p^3q_p(2)^2 - 10p^4q_p(2)^3) \\ + \frac{p^3}{[p/4] + 1} (3E_{2p-4} - 6E_{p-3}) + \frac{p^4}{[p/4] + 1} \left( 9q_p(2)E_{p-3} + \frac{71}{4}W_p \right) \pmod{p^5}.$$



The following result generalize the above Corollary 9 and Corollary 10 for  $\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

**Corollary 11.** For any prime  $p \geq 13$ , we have

$$S_d^{([p/4])}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{[p/4] + 1} \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-2} \binom{k+2}{2} \left( (-1)^k p^{k+1} q_p(2)^k + p^{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{2} E_{2p-4} - E_{p-3} \right) \delta_{2,k} \right. \\ \left. + p^{k+1} \left( \frac{9}{10} q_p(2) E_{p-3} - \frac{71}{120} B_{p-3} \right) \delta_{3,k} \right) \pmod{p^\alpha}$$

and for Wolstenholme prime  $p$ , we have

$$S_d^{([p/4])}(p) \equiv -1 + \frac{1}{[p/4] + 1} \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha-2} \binom{k+2}{2} \left( (-1)^k p^{k+1} q_p(2)^k + p^{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{2} E_{2p-4} - E_{p-3} \right) \delta_{2,k} \right. \\ \left. + p^{k+1} \left( \frac{9}{10} q_p(2) E_{p-3} + \frac{71}{40} W_p \right) \delta_{3,k} \right) \pmod{p^\alpha},$$

where  $\delta_{i,j}$  denotes the Kronecker symbol.

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