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**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOLUTIONS OF THE  
CONGRUENCES OF SPECIAL FORM MODULO  $p^n$**

**Баляс Л. Розподілення розв'язків конгруенцій спеціального типу за модулем  $p^n$ .** Ми отримуємо нетривіальну асимптотичну формулу для числа розв'язків конгруенції  $ax^3 + by^4 \equiv c \pmod{p^n}$ .

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**Баляс Л. Распределение решений сравнений специального вида по модулю  $p^n$ .** Мы получаем нетривиальную асимптотическую формулу для числа решений сравнения  $ax^3 + by^4 \equiv c \pmod{p^n}$ .

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**Balyas L. The distribution of the solutions of the congruences of special form modulo  $p^n$ .** We obtain nontrivial asymptotic formula for the number of the solutions of the congruence  $ax^3 + by^4 \equiv c \pmod{p^n}$

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**INTRODUCTION.** In 1918 I. M. Vinogradov and G. Polya nearly at the same time got the non-trivial estimate for the number of quadratic residue classes prime modulo in the interval  $[1, x]$ , where  $x < p$ . It was the first problem on the distribution of solutions of the congruence  $f(x, y) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^n}$ , where  $f(x, y)$  is a polynomial with coefficients from the field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Nowadays the problem on the incomplete residue system is defined in the following manner.

Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients and let  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  be a residue class ring modulo  $q$ , where  $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ ; let  $A_q(a_1, b_1, \dots, a_n, b_n)$  be the number of solutions of the congruence

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \equiv 0 \pmod{q}, (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in R, \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$R := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_i \leq x_i < a_i + b_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}, \\ 0 \leq a_i < a_i + b_i < q, \\ a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \quad i = \overline{1, n} \end{array} \right\}. \quad (1.2)$$

The purpose of our work is the derivation of the asymptotic formula for the congruence of special form with the use of the solutions of proper congruences modulo  $p^n$ , where  $p$  is prime and  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ .

**NOTATION.** Latin letter  $p$  (with an index or without one) is always the notation of a prime number.

$\mathbb{Z}_p$  – residue class field prime modulo  $p$ .  
 $\mathbb{Z}_q$  – residue class ring modulo  $q$ .  
 $\ll$ ,  $O$  – Landau and Vinogradov symbols respectively.  
 $(a_1, \dots, a_k)$  – greatest common divisor of  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 $\nu_p(a)$  – index of power, with which a prime number  $p$  is included in canonical decomposition of  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $(a, p) = 1$ , then  $\nu_p(a) = 0$ .

**AUXILIARY ARGUMENTS.** The purpose of our work is the derivation of the asymptotic formula for congruence analogously to Postnikova work [2].

$$ax^3 + by^4 \equiv c \pmod{p^n}, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $p \geq 5$ ,  $(a, b, c, p) = 1$ .

The congruence (2.1) is equivalent to the congruence

$$y^4 \equiv c - ax^3 \pmod{p^n}. \quad (2.2)$$

Let  $(x_0, y_0)$  be an arbitrary solution of the congruence

$$y^4 \equiv c - ax^3 \pmod{p}. \quad (2.3)$$

If there is no such solution, our initial congruence has no solutions at all.

Firstly one can concede that  $x_0 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . For every  $t$ ,  $t = \overline{0, p^{n-1}}$  we set  $A(t) \equiv c - a(x_0 + pt)^3 \pmod{p^n}$ .

Let the congruence

$$y^4 \equiv c - ax_0^3 \pmod{p}, \quad (2.4)$$

have  $\kappa$ ,  $\kappa \geq 1$  solutions. From elementary theory of numbers we have that the congruence

$$y^4 \equiv A(t) \pmod{p^n}, \quad (2.5)$$

also has  $\kappa$ ,  $\kappa \geq 1$  solutions for every  $t$ .

Let us denote  $y_1(t), \dots, y_\kappa(t)$  as all the solutions of the congruence (2.5). Furthermore, we have  $\kappa$  solutions  $y_1(0), \dots, y_\kappa(0)$  in the case, when  $t = 0$ . Let  $y(0)$  be one of these solutions.

**Lemma 1.** 2.1 Let  $s = \left\lfloor \frac{p-1}{p-2} (n + \nu_p(a)) \right\rfloor$ . Then there exists the polynomial  $f(t)$ ,  $\deg f(t) = s$

$$f(t) = \Phi_0(x_0) + p^{\lambda_1} \Phi_1(x_0)t + \dots + p^{\lambda_s} \Phi_s(x_0)t^s,$$

such that

$$y_i(t) \equiv y_i(0)f(t) \pmod{p^n}, \quad i = 1, \dots, \kappa.$$

Moreover, all the coefficients  $\Phi_j(x_0) \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $j = \overline{0, s}$ ,  $\lambda_0 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_j \geq j \frac{p-2}{p-1}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, s}$ .

**Proof.** From  $(y_0, p) = 1$  we obtain that the congruence  $(c - ax_0^3)x \equiv 1 \pmod{p^n}$  has the unique solution. Let us denote it as  $x'_0$ .

We shall suppose, that  $0 \leq x_0 \leq p-1$ ,  $1 \leq x'_0 \leq p^{n-1}$ . We consider the expansion in series of the function

$$U(w) = \left(1 - 3awx_0^2x'_0 - 3ax_0x'_0w^2 - ax'_0w^3\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

in powers of  $w$ :

$$U(w) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} X_j w^j.$$

We equate the two expressions for the derivative of the function (using the written above equations) and easily get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j X_j w^{j-1} (1 - 3awx_0^2 x_0' - 3ax_0 x_0' w^2 - ax_0' w^3) = \\ = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} X_j w^j (3ax_0^2 x_0' + 6ax_0 x_0' w + 3ax_0' w^2). \end{aligned}$$

After this we equate the coefficients at equal powers of  $w$  and get the recurrence relation:

$$(j+1)X_{j+1} = \frac{9j}{4} ax_0^2 x_0' X_j + \frac{3(j-1)}{2} ax_0 x_0' X_{j-1} + \frac{j-2}{4} ax_0' X_{j-2}. \quad (2.6)$$

We should notice that  $X_0, X_1, X_2$  can be directly defined:

$$X_0 = 1, \quad X_1 = -\frac{3ax_0^2 x_0'}{4}, \quad X_2 = -\frac{3ax_0 x_0'}{4} - \frac{3}{32} a^2 x_0^4 x_0'^2.$$

Let us consider the following polynomial

$$U_s(w) = \sum_{j=0}^s X_j w^j,$$

in which a value of  $s$  will be defined later. Now in view of this formula we shall consider the following equations:

$$U_s^4(w) - B(w)^4 = (U_s(w) - B(w))(U_s(w) + B(w))(U_s^2(w) - B(w)^2) \quad (2.7)$$

where  $B(w) = \left(1 - 3awx_0^2 x_0' - 3ax_0 x_0' w^2 - ax_0' w^3\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .

From the expansion in series of  $B(w)$  we obtain that the coefficients at powers of  $w$  in the expansion in series at the left of (2.7) go to zero, when  $j = 0, s$ . Since the coefficients  $X_j \in \mathbb{Q}$ , the coefficients of  $U_s(pt)$  are rational numbers too.

But we have

$$U_s(pt) = \sum_{j=0}^s X_j p^j t^j.$$

Let us denote

$$X_j p^j = p^{\lambda_j} \frac{c_j}{d_j}, \quad (c_j, p) = (d_j, p) = 1. \quad (2.8)$$

From formula (2.6) we can see that the denominators at  $j = 2, 3, \dots$  in formula

$$X_{j+1} = \frac{9j}{4(j+1)} ax_0^2 x_0' X_j + \frac{3(j-1)}{2(j+1)} ax_0 x_0' X_{j-1} + \frac{j-2}{4(j+1)} ax_0' X_{j-2}$$

are the divisors of  $2^{2j}j!$ .

From the formula for an index of power, with which a prime number  $p$  is included in canonical decomposition into factors, we have

$$\nu_p(X_j p^j) \geq j - \frac{j}{p-1} + \nu_p(a) = j \frac{p-2}{p-1} + \nu_p(a) \quad (2.9)$$

Let us consider the series  $U(w)$  over the field of  $p$ -adic numbers  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . Then from the result that has been received before we get, that for every  $w \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $\|w\|_p < 1$  the series converges and, furthermore, for  $w = pt$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have:

$$U(pt) = U_s(pt) \pmod{p^n}, \text{ if } s = \left[ \frac{p-1}{p-2} (n + \nu_p(a)) \right].$$

We shall define  $e_j$  from the congruence  $e_j d_j \equiv c_j \pmod{p^n}$  and put

$$f(t) = \sum_{j=0}^s e_j p^{\lambda_j} t^j.$$

We know that  $X_j$  depend on  $x_0$ . That is why we shall write that

$$e_j = \Phi_j(x_0), \quad j = \overline{0, s}.$$

Thus, we established the assertion of lemma. □

**Lemma 2.** 2.2 Let  $p \geq 5$  be a prime number. With the notations of Lemma 2.1 for  $j = 3, 4, \dots, s$  we have:

$$\min(\lambda_j, \lambda_{j-1}, \lambda_{j-2}) \leq j + 7 + \frac{5j-7}{p-1}.$$

**Proof.** Let us consider for every  $j = \overline{1, s}$  the following values  $X_j, Y_j, Z_j$ , which are defined by the relations:

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 &= 1, \quad X_1 = -\frac{3ax_0^2 x_0'}{4}, \quad X_2 = -\frac{3ax_0 x_0'}{4} - \frac{3}{32} a^2 x_0^4 x_0'^2, \\ Y_0 &= 0, \quad Y_1 = 1, \quad Y_2 = -\frac{3ax_0^2 x_0'}{4}, \\ Z_0 &= 0, \quad Z_1 = 0, \quad Z_2 = 1, \end{aligned}$$

and for  $j = 3, 4, \dots, s$ ,  $X_j, Y_j$  and  $Z_j$  satisfy the recurrence relation (2.6).

We shall consider the determinants

$$\Delta_j = \begin{vmatrix} X_{j-2} & X_{j-1} & X_j \\ Y_{j-2} & Y_{j-1} & Y_j \\ Z_{j-2} & Z_{j-1} & Z_j \end{vmatrix}, \quad j = 3, 4, \dots, s.$$

In particular,  $\Delta_3 = -\frac{3ax_0^2 x_0'}{4}$ .

From now on we consider appearing fractions modulo  $p^n$ .

We know that  $(x'_0, p) = 1$ . But then  $\nu_p(\Delta_3) = \nu_p(a)$ . Furthermore, for  $j \geq 4$  we easily get

$$\Delta_j = \frac{j-3}{4j} ax'_0 \Delta_{j-1} = (ax'_0)^{j-3} \frac{1}{j(j-1)(j-2)} \Delta_3. \quad (2.10)$$

Let us denote

$$\nu_p(X_j p^j) = \nu_p(\lambda_j), \quad \nu_p(Y_j p^j) = \nu_p(\mu_j), \quad \nu_p(Z_j p^j) = \nu_p(\tau_j).$$

It is clear that  $\mu_j = \lambda_{j-1}$ ,  $\tau_j = \lambda_{j-2}$ . And from formula (2.10) we obtain

$$j(j-1)(j-2) \begin{vmatrix} X_{j-2} p^{j-2} & X_{j-1} p^{j-1} & X_j p^j \\ Y_{j-2} p^{j-2} & Y_{j-1} p^{j-1} & Y_j p^j \\ Z_{j-2} p^{j-2} & Z_{j-1} p^{j-1} & Z_j p^j \end{vmatrix} = (ax'_0)^{j-3} \Delta_3 p^{3j-3}.$$

We factor out from the rows of the determinant

$$p^{\min(\lambda_j, \lambda_{j-1}, \lambda_{j-2})}, \quad p^{\min(\mu_j, \mu_{j-1}, \mu_{j-2})}, \quad p^{\min(\tau_j, \tau_{j-1}, \tau_{j-2})}$$

and come to conclusion:

$$\min(\lambda_j, \lambda_{j-1}, \lambda_{j-2}) + \min(\mu_j, \mu_{j-1}, \mu_{j-2}) + \min(\tau_j, \tau_{j-1}, \tau_{j-2}) \leq 3j - 3.$$

But we already know that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_j, \mu_{j-1}, \mu_{j-2} &\geq (j-3) \frac{p-2}{p-1} + \nu_p(a), \\ \tau_j, \tau_{j-1}, \tau_{j-2} &\geq (j-4) \frac{p-2}{p-1} + \nu_p(a). \end{aligned}$$

That is why we obtain:

$$\min(\lambda_j, \lambda_{j-1}, \lambda_{j-2}) \leq 3j + (2j-7) \frac{p-2}{p-1} + (j-6) \nu_p(a).$$

When  $\nu_p(a) = 0$ , the result takes the form:

$$\min(\lambda_j, \lambda_{j-1}, \lambda_{j-2}) \leq j + 7 + \frac{5j-7}{p-1}.$$

□

Now we consider the case, when  $x_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . If the congruence  $y^4 \equiv c \pmod{p}$  has no solutions, the congruence (2.5) has no solutions  $(x, y)$  under the condition  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .

That is why we suggest that our congruence has a solution. Let  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  be all its solutions. A solution of the congruence (2.5) we search in the form  $x = pt$ ,  $y_j = y_j(t)$ ,  $j = \overline{1, k}$ , where

$$y_j(t) \equiv y_j(0) (1 + p^3 a_1 t^3 + p^{\lambda_2} a_2 t^6 + \dots + a_r p^{\lambda_r} t^{3r}), \quad t = \overline{0, p^{n-1}}.$$

Moreover,  $r \leq \lceil \frac{n-1}{3} \rceil$  and

$$\lambda_j \geq 4, \quad j = 2, \dots, r, \quad (a_i, p) = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, r.$$

**MAIN RESULTS.** Let  $A(T_1, T_2)$  be the number of solutions of the congruence (2.2), which belong to the rectangle  $R = \{0 \leq x \leq T_1, 0 \leq y \leq T_2\}$ . Then let  $A(T_1, T_2)$  be the number of pairs of fractional portions  $\left\{\frac{x}{p^n}, \frac{y}{p^n}\right\}$ , that have got into the rectangle  $\left\{0 \leq u \leq \frac{T_1}{p^n}, 0 \leq v \leq \frac{T_2}{p^n}\right\}$ , when a pair  $(x, y)$  range over the set of the solutions of the congruence (2.2).

Let  $\chi(v)$  be the characteristic function of the interval  $\left[0, \frac{T_2}{p^n}\right]$ . Using the description of the solutions of the congruence (2.2), we can write

$$A(T_1, T_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{x_0}^* \sum_{0 \leq t < \frac{T_1}{p}} X\left(\frac{y_i(t)}{p^n}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{0 \leq t < \frac{T_1}{p}} X\left(\frac{y_i(t)}{p^n}\right) = \sum_1 + \sum_2,$$

where the sign " $*$ " means the summation over such  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , that  $x_0 \neq 0$  and the congruence  $y^4 \equiv c - ax_0^3 \pmod{p}$  has solutions (it has  $\kappa$ ,  $\kappa \geq 1$  solutions  $y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ).

Furthermore,  $y_i(t)$  runs all the solutions of the congruence (2.5) in the first sum and the congruence  $y^4 \equiv c - a(pt)^3 \pmod{p^n}$  (2.5)' for the second sum respectively.

We shall extend the characteristic function  $\chi_{\alpha, \beta}(u)$  of the interval  $[\alpha, \beta]$ ,  $0 < \beta + \alpha \leq 1$  periodically with period 1 to the whole real axis. We need the following assertion.

**Lemma 3.** (Vinogradov's "glasses", see [1]) Let  $0 < \Delta < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\Delta \leq \beta - \alpha \leq 1 - \Delta$ . Then for every natural  $r$  there exists the periodical function with period 1  $\varphi(u)$  such, that:

$$\varphi(u) = 1, \quad \text{if } \alpha + \Delta \leq u \leq \beta - \Delta;$$

$$\varphi(u) = 0, \quad \text{if } 0 \leq u \leq \alpha + \Delta \text{ or } \beta + \Delta \leq u < 1;$$

$$0 \leq \varphi(u) \leq 1, \quad \text{if } \alpha - \Delta \leq u \leq \alpha + \Delta \text{ or } \beta - \Delta \leq u \leq \beta + \Delta,$$

and the function is monotone in each of these intervals.

Moreover, the function  $\varphi(u)$ , has the expansion in a Fourier series

$$\varphi(x) = \beta - \alpha + \sum_{\substack{m=-\infty \\ m \neq 0}}^{m=+\infty} a_m e^{2\pi i m u},$$

where  $|a_m| \leq \min\left(\frac{1}{|m|}, \beta - \alpha, \frac{1}{|m|} \left(\frac{r}{\pi|m|}\right)^r\right)$ .

Furthermore, we need the theorem of Vinogradov on the estimate of the exponential sum.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f(x) = a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n+1}x^{n+1}$  be a polynomial with real coefficients. Moreover,  $a_r = \frac{a}{q} + \frac{\theta}{q^2}$ ,  $(a, q) = 1$ ,  $1 < q < r$  for some  $r \in \{2, 3, \dots, n+1\}$ . Let us define  $\tau$  from the condition:

1.  $q = P^\tau$ ,  $1 < q \leq P$ ;
2.  $\tau = 1$ ,  $P < q < P^{r-1}$ ;

3.  $q = P^{r-\tau}$ ,  $P^{r-1} < q < P^r$ .

Then

$$\left| \sum_{x=1}^P e^{2\pi i m f(x)} \right| < (8n)^{\frac{nl}{2}} m^{\frac{2\rho}{\tau}} P^{1-r},$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $l = \log \frac{12n(n+1)}{\tau}$ ,  $\rho = \frac{\tau}{3n^{2l}}$ .

**Theorem 2.** 3.1 Let  $p \geq 5$  be a prime number and  $1 < T_2 \leq p^n$ ,  $p^{\frac{5n+43}{9}} \leq T_1 \leq p^n$ ,  $n \geq 13$ . Then for the number of the solutions  $A(T_1, T_2)$  of the congruence (2.2) (with the condition  $(a, p) = 1$ ), for which the following asymptotic formula is true:

$$a(T_1, T_2) = \frac{T_1 T_2}{p^n} \cdot \frac{N(a, c; p)}{p} + O\left(T_1^{1 - \frac{1}{28n^3 \log 27n^3}} e^{7n(\log n)^2}\right), \quad (3.1)$$

where  $N(a, c; p)$  is the number of the solutions of the congruence  $y^4 \equiv c - ax^3 \pmod{p}$ .

**Proof.** From the equation (3.1) it follows, that it is sufficient to us to calculate the inner sums in the sums  $\sum_1$  and  $\sum_2$ . Let us calculate the inner sum in the first sum. From the description of  $y(t)$  (see Lemma 2.1) we obtain:

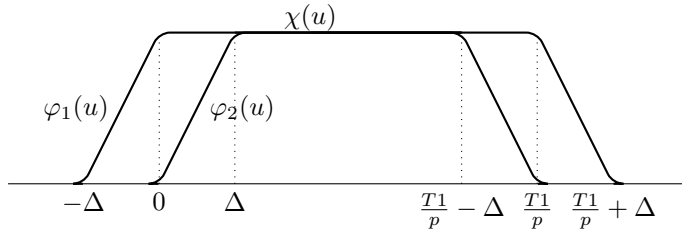
$$\sum_{t_1 < \frac{T_1}{p}} \chi\left(\frac{y(t)}{p^n}\right) = \sum_{t_1 < \frac{T_1}{p}} \chi\left(\frac{\Phi_0(x_0) + p^{\lambda_1} \Phi_1(x_0)t + \dots + p^{\lambda_s} \Phi_s(x_0)t^s}{p^n}\right),$$

where  $s = \left\lceil \frac{p-1}{p-2} (n + \nu_p(a)) \right\rceil$ .

We shall consider the most important case, when  $\nu_p(a) = 0$ , because the general case may be resolved to the case  $\nu_p(a) = 0$ . We choose  $0 < \Delta \leq \frac{T_1}{2p}$  (we shall define its value more precisely later). Let  $\varphi_1(u)$  be the function from the Vinogradov lemma about "glasses" for  $\alpha = -\Delta$ ,  $\beta = \frac{T_2}{p^n} + \Delta$  and let  $\varphi_2(u)$  be the function for  $\alpha = \Delta$ ,  $\beta = \frac{T_2}{p^n} - \Delta$ . We can see from Picture 1, that for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  the inequality  $\varphi_1(u) \leq \chi(u) \leq \varphi_2(u)$  takes place and that is why

$$\sum_{u \in [0,1]} \chi(u) = \sum_{u \in [0,1]} \varphi_1(u) + O(\Delta) = \sum_{u \in [0,1]} \varphi_2(u) + O(\Delta). \quad (3.2)$$

From the lemma about "glasses" we have



$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{t_1 < \frac{T_1}{p}} \chi \left( \frac{\Phi_0(x_0) + p^{\lambda_1} \Phi_1(x_0)t + \cdots + p^{\lambda_s} \Phi_s(x_0)t^s}{p^n} \right) = \\
& = \sum_{t_1 < \frac{T_1}{p}} \varphi_1 \left( \frac{\Phi_0(x_0) + p^{\lambda_1} \Phi_1(x_0)t + \cdots + p^{\lambda_s} \Phi_s(x_0)t^s}{p^n} \right) + O(\Delta) = \quad (3.3) \\
& = \frac{T_1 T_2}{p^{n+1}} + O\left(\frac{T_1 \Delta}{p}\right) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |a_m| \cdot \sum_{t_1 < \frac{T_1}{p}} e^{2\pi i \frac{y_i(0)(p^{\lambda_1} \Phi_1(x_0)t + \cdots)}{p^n}} + O(\Delta).
\end{aligned}$$

Let us define the largest value of  $j$ , for which by Lemma 2 the following condition takes place:

$$\min(\lambda_j, \lambda_{j-1}, \lambda_{j-2}) \leq j + 7 + \frac{5j-7}{p-1} \leq j + 7 + \frac{5j-7}{4} \leq (n-1). \quad (3.4)$$

Thus, we get that  $j = \lceil \frac{4n-25}{9} \rceil$ .

Now with the help of Vinogradov theorem we shall get the estimate for the inner sum with respect to  $t$  in the formula (3.3) on such index of  $\lceil \frac{4n-25}{9} \rceil$  or  $\lceil \frac{4n-25}{9} \rceil - 1$ , for which  $\lambda_j \leq n-1$ . Thus, we have  $\frac{4n-34}{9} \leq \lambda_j$ . From  $(y_i(0), p) = 1$ ,  $(\Phi_j(x_0), p) = 1$  we get, that the coefficient at  $t^j$  has the form of the irreducible fraction  $\frac{y_i(0)\Phi_j(x_0)}{p^{n-\lambda_j}}$  and  $1 \leq n - \lambda_j \leq \frac{5n+34}{9}$ .

By our suggestion  $p^{\frac{5n+34}{9}} \leq T_1 \leq p^n$ , and that is why we have, that  $p^{n-1} \geq \frac{T_1}{p} \geq p^{\frac{5n+34}{9}}$ . In terms of Vinogradov theorem  $P = \frac{T_1}{p}$ , and this means, that we have come to the first case of the theorem. Let us put  $p^{n-\lambda_j} = P^\tau$ . That is why  $P^\tau \leq P$ ,  $\tau \leq 1$ . On the other side we have  $n - \lambda_j \leq 1$ ,  $p \leq P^\tau$ ,  $p \leq p^{(n-1)\tau}$ . We have the estimate  $\frac{1}{n-1} \leq \tau \leq 1$ .

Let us put  $l = \log \frac{12(s-1)s}{\tau}$ . By virtue of the fact, that  $s \geq n$ ,  $\tau < 1$ ,  $s \leq \frac{3}{2}n$ , we have that  $\log 12(n-1)n \leq l \leq \log 27n^2(n-1)$ .

Let us denote more

$$\rho = \frac{\tau}{3(s-1)2l}, \quad \frac{1}{7n^3 \log 27n^2} \leq \rho \leq \frac{1}{3(n-1)^2 \log 12(n-1)n}.$$

And then Vinogradov theorem gives the following result:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_{t_1 < \frac{T_1}{p}} e^{2\pi i m \frac{y_i(0)(p^{\lambda_1} \Phi_1(x_0)t + \cdots + p^{\lambda_s} \Phi_s(x_0)t^s)}{p^n}} \right| \leq \\
& \leq (12n)^{\frac{3}{4}n \log 27n^2(n-1)} m^{\frac{1}{3(n-1)^2 \log 12(n-1)n}} \left(\frac{T_1}{p}\right)^{1 - \frac{1}{7n^3 \log 27n^3}}.
\end{aligned}$$

We divide the sum over  $m$  into two parts:  $m \leq \frac{1}{\Delta}$  and  $m > \frac{1}{\Delta}$ . We use the estimate  $|a_m| \leq \frac{1}{|m|}$  for the first sum and the estimate  $|a_m| \leq \frac{1}{|m|} \left(\frac{2}{\pi|m|\Delta}\right)^2$  for the second



sum.

And then, using Abel lemma on partial summation, choosing

$$\Delta = \left(\frac{T_1}{p}\right)^{-\frac{1}{7n^3 \log 27n^3}}$$

and taking account of the condition  $n \geq 13$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{x_0}^* \sum_{t < \frac{T_1}{p}} \chi\left(\frac{y_i(t)}{p^n}\right) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} \sum_{x_0} \left( \frac{T_1 T_2}{p^{n+1}} + O\left(\left(\frac{T_1}{p}\right)^{1 - \frac{1}{14n^3 \log 27n^3}} e^{7n \log^2 n}\right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

We do the same things for the second sum and obtain the similar result. And after that we get the asymptotic formula (3.1).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** One can consider the congruence  $x^m + y^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{p^n}$  on the condition, that  $(m, p) = 1$ ,  $p \geq 5$  and get similar results.

**CONCLUSION.** Nontrivial asymptotic formula for the number of the solutions of the congruence  $ax^3 + by^4 \equiv c \pmod{p^n}$  was obtained.

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