

On additive functions satisfying a congruence

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1. Let f, g, u, v be real-valued completely additive functions,

$$L_n = f(n) + g(n+1) + u(n+2) + v(n+3).$$

We shall prove the following

Theorem. *If $L_n \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$ for every $n \geq 1$, then f, g, u, v assume integer values for every n .*

Corollary. *If $L_n = 0$ for every $n \geq 1$, then f, g, u, v are identically zero-functions.*

For the proof of the Corollary see [1].

Let A_N denote the assertion:

$$A_N: f(N), g(N), u(N), v(N) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}.$$

Let \mathcal{P} denote the set of primes. For the sake of brevity we shall put $a \equiv b$ instead of $a \equiv b \pmod{1}$.

We shall prove our Theorem in two steps. First we shall prove Theorem 1', after then Lemma 1:

Theorem 1'. *Theorem is true if A_N is true for $N \leq 11$.*

Lemma 1. *If $L_n \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$ for every $n \geq 1$, then A_N is true for $N \leq 11$.*

2. **Proof of Theorem 1'.** Assume that Theorem 1' does not hold. Then there exists a smallest N for which A_N does not hold. From $L_{N-3} \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$ it follows that $v(N) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$. Furthermore,

$$0 \equiv L_{N-2} \equiv u(N) + v(N+1) \pmod{1}.$$

If $N+1 \notin \mathcal{P}$, then $v(N+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$, and so $u(N) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$. If $N+1 \in \mathcal{P}$, then N is even, and so $u(N) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$. Hence it follows that $f(N) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{1}$,

or $g(N) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{1}$, and that $N \in \mathcal{P}$. Let $N = P \in \mathcal{P}$. Now we distinguish three cases:

- (I) $f(P) \equiv \xi, g(P) \equiv \eta, \xi \not\equiv 0, \eta \not\equiv 0$;
- (II) $f(P) \equiv 0, g(P) \equiv \eta, \eta \not\equiv 0$;
- (III) $f(P) \equiv \xi; g(P) \equiv 0, \xi \not\equiv 0$.

Lemma 2. (1) Let $3P + b = 2Z, b \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, Z + 1 < 2P$. Then $u(Z) \equiv 0, v(Z) \equiv 0$.

(2) Let $3P + c = 2U, c \equiv -1 \pmod{3}, U + 1 < 2P$. Then $f(U) \equiv 0, g(U) \equiv 0$.

Proof. (1) We may assume that $Z \in \mathcal{P}$. Since $Z \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$, therefore all the prime factors occurring in $Z - 3, Z - 2, Z - 1, Z + 1$ are smaller than P . From $L_{Z-2} \equiv 0, L_{Z-3} \equiv 0$ we get that $u(Z) \equiv 0, v(Z) \equiv 0$.

(2) We may assume that $U \in \mathcal{P}$. Since $U \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, therefore all the prime factors occurring in $U - 1, U + 1, U + 2, U + 3$ are smaller than P . From $L_U \equiv 0, L_{U-1} \equiv 0$ we get that $f(U) \equiv 0, g(U) \equiv 0$.

Case (I). Observing that $P - 1, P + 1, P + 3$ are even numbers with prime factors $< P$, we get from $L_{P-1} \equiv 0, L_P \equiv 0$ that $U(P + 2) \equiv -\xi, g(P + 2) \equiv -\xi$, and so $P + 2 \in \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P} \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$. Similarly, in view of $2P + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, 2P + 5 \leq 3P$, we see that $g(2P + 3) \equiv -\xi, 2P + 3 \in \mathcal{P}$. Since $2P - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, 2 \mid P + 1$, therefore $L_{2P-1} \equiv 0$ implies that $u(2P + 1) \equiv -\xi, 2P + 1 \in \mathcal{P}$.

Now we shall prove that $3P + 2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$, i.e., $P \not\equiv 4 \pmod{7}$. Indeed, if $7 \mid 3P + 2$, then from $L_{3P-1} \equiv 0$ we infer that

$$0 \equiv f(3P - 1) + g(3P) + u(3P + 1),$$

which gives that $f(3P - 1) \not\equiv 0$ or $u(3P + 1) \equiv 0$, but this is impossible as it was proved in Lemma 2. Since $P \not\equiv 4 \pmod{7}$, and $P, P + 2, 2P + 1, 2P + 3 \in \mathcal{P}$, we get that $P \not\equiv 0, 2, 3, 4, 5 \pmod{7}$; consequently $P \equiv 1$ or $6 \pmod{7}$.

First, by considering $L_{2P-2} \equiv 0$ we deduce that $v(2P + 1) \equiv 0$, and hence, by $L_{4P-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$, and by taking into account that $5 \mid 4P - 1$ we get that $g(4P) + u(4P + 1) \equiv 0$, i.e., $u(4P + 1) \equiv -\xi$. So $4P + 1 = 3R, u(R) \equiv -\eta$. It is obvious that $R \in \mathcal{P}$, since in the opposite case all its prime factors would be smaller than P . From $L_{R-2} \equiv 0$, by observing that $(R + 1)/2 < P$, we deduce that $f(R - 2) \equiv \eta$, and so that $R - 2 \in \mathcal{P}$. Since $3(R - 2) = 4P - 5$, therefore $f(4P - 5) \equiv \eta$, and so

$$0 \equiv \eta + g(4P - 4) + u(4P - 3) + v(4P - 2) \equiv \eta + u(4P - 3).$$

Since $2 \nmid 4P - 3, 3 \nmid 4P - 3$, therefore $P \not\equiv 6 \pmod{7}$.

It remains to consider the case $P \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$. Then $3R \equiv 5 \pmod{7}, R \equiv 4 \pmod{7}, 2R - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$. Let us consider now

$$0 \equiv L_{2R-2} \equiv f(2R - 2) + g(2R - 1) + u(2R) + v(2R + 1).$$

Since $R, R-2 \in \mathcal{P}$, therefore $R \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, consequently $3 \mid 2R+1$. Furthermore $(2R+1)/3 < P+2$, and so $v(2R+1) \equiv 0$. Since $4 \mid 2R-2$, $7 \mid 2R-1$, therefore $f(2R-2) \equiv 0$, $g(2R-1) \equiv 0$, whence $u(R) \equiv 0$, which contradicts $u(R) \equiv -\eta$. So we have proved that Case (I) cannot occur.

Case (II). We get as earlier that $v(P+2) \equiv -\eta$, $P+2 \in \mathcal{P}$, and so $P \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$. Since $3 \mid 2P+1$, therefore from $L_{2P-1} \equiv 0$ we infer that $u(2P+1) \equiv -\eta$, $2P+1 \in \mathcal{P}$. Lemma 2 implies that $f(3P-1) \equiv 0$, $u(3P+1) \equiv 0$, and so from $L_{3P-1} \equiv 0$ we deduce that $v(3P+2) \equiv -\eta$, $3P+2 \in \mathcal{P}$. Since $P, P+2, 2P+1, 3P+2 \in \mathcal{P}$, therefore $P \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$. From $L_{2P-2} \equiv 0$ it follows that $v(2P+1) \equiv 0$, and so by $L_{4P-1} \equiv 0$, $5 \mid 4P-1$, we have

$$0 \equiv L_{4P-1} \equiv f(4P-1) + g(4P) + u(4P+1) + v(4P+2) \equiv 0 + \eta + u(4P+1) + 0,$$

hence $u(4P+1) \equiv -\eta$.

Thus $4P+1=3R$, $u(R) \equiv -\eta$, and so $R \in \mathcal{P}$. From $L_{R-2} \equiv 0$ we deduce that $f(R-2) \equiv \eta$, $R-2 \in \mathcal{P}$. Consequently $R \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. Now we have $f(4P-5) = f(3(R-2)) \equiv \eta$, implying

$$(2.1) \quad 0 \equiv L_{4P-5} = f(4P-5) + g(4P-4) + u(4P-3) + v(4P-2) \equiv \\ \equiv \eta + 0 + u(4P-3) + v(2P-1).$$

Now we shall prove that $v(2P-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$. Indeed,

$$0 \equiv L_{2P-4} \equiv f(2P-4) + g(2P-3) + u(2P-2) + v(2P-1),$$

whence by $5 \mid 2P-3$ it follows immediately that $v(2P-1) \equiv 0$, and so from (2.1), $u(4P-3) \equiv -\eta$, $4P-3 \in \mathcal{P}$. Since $P, P+2, 2P+1, 3P+2, 4P-3, 4P+3 \in \mathcal{P}$, therefore $P \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$. From $4P+1=3R$, $R \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ we get that $P \equiv 5 \pmod{9}$.

Let us consider now the relation

$$0 \equiv f(5P-1) + g(5P) + u(5P+1) + v(5P+2).$$

We have $7 \mid 5P+2$, $6 \mid 5P-1$, and so $f(5P-1) \equiv 0$, $v(5P+2) \equiv 0$, yielding $u(5P+1) \equiv -\eta$. Thus $5P+1=4X$ or $5P+1=2X$ with a prime $X > P$. First we consider the case $5P+1=4X$. Since $u(X) \neq 0$, therefore from $L_{X-2} \equiv 0$ we get that $f(X-2) \neq 0$. But, from $P \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$ we get that $X \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$, $3 \mid X-2$, $(X-2)/3 < P$, where $f(X-2) \equiv 0$.

It remains to consider the case $5P+1=2X$, $X \in \mathcal{P}$. We have $u(X) \equiv -\eta$. Furthermore $X \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$. So

$$0 \equiv L_{X-2} \equiv f(X-2) + g(X-1) + u(X) + v(X+1).$$

Observing that $7 \mid X-2$, $6 \mid X-1$, and that $X/6 < P$, we get that

$$(2.2) \quad v(X+1) \equiv \eta.$$

Taking into account that $2X+2=5P+3$, $9|5P+2$, from $L_{5P}\equiv 0$ we deduce that $g(5P+1)\equiv -\eta$, i.e., $g(X)\equiv -\eta$. This, together with

$$0 \equiv f(X-1) + g(X) + u(X+1) + v(X+2),$$

$3 | X+2$, and $(X+2)/3 < P$, implies that

$$(2.3) \quad u(X+1) \equiv \eta.$$

Consequently $X+1=2Z$.

From (2.2) and (2.3) we get that $u(Z)\equiv\eta$, $v(Z)\equiv\eta$, $Z\in\mathcal{P}$. Using $(Z+1)/2 < P$ and $2 | Z+1, Z-1, Z-3$, we see immediately that $f(Z-2)\equiv-\eta$, $g(Z-2)\equiv-\eta$, $Z-2\in\mathcal{P}$. Since $2(Z-2)=X-3$, we have $g(X-3)\equiv-\eta$. Let us consider the relation

$$0 \equiv f(X-4) + g(X-3) + u(X-2) + v(X-1).$$

In view of $X\equiv 2$ (7), $u(X-2)\equiv 0$. Furthermore $2, 3 | X-1$, and so $v(X-1)\equiv 0$. Consequently $f(X-4)\equiv\eta$. But this is impossible, since $3 | X-4$, $(X-4)/3 < P$.

Case (III). From $L_P\equiv 0$ we get that $u(P+2)\equiv-\xi$, $P+2\in\mathcal{P}$. Hence $P\equiv-1$ (mod 3). Observing that $3 | 2P+5$, we get from $L_{2P+2}\equiv 0$, that

$$(2.4) \quad g(2P+3) \equiv \xi, \quad 2P+3\in\mathcal{P}.$$

Let us consider now the relation

$$f(3P+4) + g(3P+5) + u(3P+6) + v(3P+7) \equiv 0.$$

From Lemma 2 we get that $g(3P+5)\equiv 0$, $v(3P+7)\equiv 0$, thus $f(3P+4)\equiv\xi$, $3P+4\in\mathcal{P}$. Since, $P, P+2, 2P+3, 3P+4\in\mathcal{P}$, therefore $P\equiv-1$ (mod 5).

Furthermore $L_{2P+3}\equiv 0$ immediately implies that $f(2P+3)\equiv 0$. Thus, by $5 | 4P+9$, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\equiv L_{4P+6} \equiv f(4P+6) + g(4P+7) + u(4P+8) + v(4P+9) \equiv \\ &\equiv 0 + g(4P+7) + u(P+2) + 0, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., $g(4P+7)\equiv\xi$.

Let $4P+7=3E$, $g(E)\equiv\xi$, $E\in\mathcal{P}$. From $L_{E-1}\equiv 0$ we deduce that $v(E+2)\equiv-\xi$. Hence it follows that $E\equiv-1$ (mod 3) and so $P\equiv 2$ (mod 9). Now we prove that $u(E)\equiv 0$. Indeed, in the opposite case from $L_{E-2}\equiv 0$ it would follow that $f(E-2)\not\equiv 0$, but this is impossible since $3 | E-2$, $(E-2)/3 < P$.

So we have that $u(3E)\equiv u(4P+7)\equiv 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\equiv f(4P+5) + g(4P+6) + u(4P+7) + v(4P+8) \equiv \\ &\equiv f(4P+5) + g(2P+3) + 0 + v(P+2). \end{aligned}$$

From $L_{P-1}\equiv 0$ we get that $g(P)+v(P+2)\equiv 0$, and so $v(P+2)\equiv 0$. Using (2.4) we see that $f(4P+5)\equiv-\xi$, $4P+5\in\mathcal{P}$. Since $P\equiv-1$ (mod 5), we get that $E\equiv 1$

(mod 5). Consequently $5 \mid 2E+3$. So

$$0 \equiv f(2E+1) + g(2E+2) + u(2E+3) + v(2E+4) \equiv f(2E+1) + 0 + 0 - \xi,$$

i.e., $f(2E+1) \equiv \xi$, $2E+1 \in \mathcal{P}$. Similarly, $3 \mid 2E-1$, therefore

$$0 \equiv f(2E-1) + g(2E) + u(2E+1) + v(2E+2) \equiv 0 + \xi + u(2E+1) + 0,$$

i.e., $u(2E+1) \equiv -\xi$. We have $3(2E+1) = 8P+17$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\equiv f(8P+15) + g(8P+16) + u(8P+17) + v(8P+18) \equiv \\ &\equiv f(8P+15) + g(P+2) - \xi + v(4P+9). \end{aligned}$$

Since $4 \mid P+4$, we get from $L_{P-1} \equiv 0$ that $g(P+2) \equiv 0$. Also, $5 \mid 4P+9$ implies that $v(4P+9) \equiv 0$. Thus we have that $f(8P+15) \equiv \xi$.

Hence $8P+15$ has to be a prime or the product of 7 and K , where $K \in \mathcal{P}$, $f(K) \equiv \xi$. Assume that $8P+15 = 7K$, $f(K) \equiv \xi$. Then we get from $L_K \equiv 0$ that $u(K+2) \equiv -\xi$, $K+2 \in \mathcal{P}$. But $8P+15 \equiv 7K$, $P \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$ imply that $3 \mid K+2$, and hence, by $(K+2)/2 < P$, $u(K+2) \equiv 0$.

So $8P+15 \in \mathcal{P}$. Since $P, P+2, 2P+3, 3P+4, 4P+5, 8P+15 \in \mathcal{P}$, therefore $P \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$. Let us consider now the relation

$$0 \equiv f(5P+8) + g(5P+9) + u(5P+10) + v(5P+11).$$

Since $9 \mid 5P+8$, $6 \mid 5P+11$, and $u(5P+10) \equiv u(P+2) \equiv -\xi$, therefore $f(5P+8) \equiv 0$, $v(5P+11) \equiv 0$, and so $g(5P+9) \equiv \xi$. Then $5P+9 = 2A$, or $5P+9 = 4A$, where $A \in \mathcal{P}$, $g(A) \equiv \xi$. The second case cannot occur. Let us assume that $5P+9 = 4A$, $g(A) \equiv \xi$. Then, taking into account that $2 \mid A-1$, $A+1$, $(A+1)/2 < P$, we get from $L_{A-1} \equiv 0$ that $v(A+2) \equiv -\xi$. But this is impossible since $3 \mid A+2$.

Let us assume that $5P+9 = 2A$. It follows from $P \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ that $A \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$, i.e., $7 \mid A+2$. Furthermore, $3 \mid A+1$, $(A+1)/3 < P$, consequently $u(A+1) \equiv 0$, $v(A+2) \equiv 0$, and so $L_{A-1} \equiv 0$ immediately implies that $f(A-1) \equiv -\xi$. Since $A-1$ is an even number and has a prime divisor greater than P , therefore $A-1 = 2B$, $B \in \mathcal{P}$, $f(B) \equiv -\xi$. From $L_B \equiv 0$ we deduce that $u(B+2) \equiv \xi$. Since $5P+7 = 4B$, $9 \mid 5P+8$, $v(P+2) \equiv 0$, we get

$$0 \equiv f(5P+7) + g(5P+8) + u(5P+9) + v(5P+10) \equiv -\xi + u(2A),$$

i.e., $u(A) \equiv \xi$. So we have

$$f(A-2) + g(A-1) + u(A) + v(A+1) \equiv 0.$$

Since $3 \mid A-2$, $A+1$, and $(A+1)/3 < P$, therefore $f(A-2) \equiv 0$, $v(A+1) \equiv 0$, and so $g(A-1) \equiv g(B) \equiv -\xi$. In view of $L_{B-1} \equiv 0$ this yields that

$$(2.5) \quad v(B+2) \equiv \xi.$$

Since $2B+4=A+3$, we have that $u(A+3)\equiv\xi$, $v(A+3)\equiv\xi$. Let us consider now the relation

$$f(A+1)+g(A+2)+u(A+3)+v(A+4)\equiv 0.$$

Since $7\mid A+2$, therefore $g(A+2)\equiv 0$. Furthermore $3\mid A+1$, $3\mid A+4$. As

$$(A+1)/3 = (2A+2)/6 = (5P+11)/6 < P$$

for $P>11$, we have $f(A+1)\equiv 0$. We know that $v(P)\equiv 0$ and $v(P+2)\equiv 0$. Since $P, P+2\in\mathcal{P}$, therefore $P+4$ is a composite number, and so the smallest integer on which v assumes a nonzero value (mod 1) is $\equiv P+6$. However,

$$(A+4)/3 = (2A+8)/6 = (5P+17)/6 < P+6,$$

therefore $v(A+4)\equiv 0$. Consequently $u(A+3)\equiv 0$, contradicting (2.5).

The proof of Theorem 1' is finished.

3. Proof of Lemma 1. For an arbitrary completely additive function $h(n)$ we can extend the domain of definition for the set of positive rational numbers by $h(a/b)=h(a)-h(b)$. Let us do it for f, g, u, v . For the sake of brevity the relation

$$f(a)+g(b)+u(c)+v(d)\equiv 0 \pmod{1}$$

will be denoted by $\langle a, b, c, d \rangle$, where a, b, c, d are arbitrary positive rational numbers.

From the additivity it follows that

$$\text{if } \langle a, b, c, d \rangle \text{ and } \langle A, B, C, D \rangle, \text{ then } \langle aA, bB, cC, dD \rangle.$$

We shall say that $\langle aA, bB, cC, dD \rangle$ is the product of $\langle a, b, c, d \rangle$ and $\langle A, B, C, D \rangle$. It is obvious that $\langle 1/a, 1/b, 1/c, 1/d \rangle$ holds if $\langle a, b, c, d \rangle$ holds.

Let now $L_n = \langle n, n+1, n+2, n+3 \rangle$. First we shall express the values $f(p), g(p), u(p), v(p)$ for primes $p \equiv 20$ as linear combinations of

$$K = \{f(2), g(2), u(2), v(2), f(3), g(3), u(3), v(3)\}.$$

The appropriate formulas will be denoted by $F(p), G(p), U(p), V(p)$. Hence we can get some linear relations between the values listed in K .

$$V(5) = L_2 = \langle 2; 3; 2^2; 5 \rangle,$$

$$U(5) = L_3 = \langle 3; 2^2; 5; 2 \cdot 3 \rangle,$$

$$F(7) = L_7 L_2^{-1} = \langle 7 \cdot 2^{-1}; 2^3 \cdot 3^{-1}; 2^{-2} \cdot 3^2; 2 \rangle,$$

$$G(7) = L_6 = \langle 2 \cdot 3; 7; 2^3; 3^2 \rangle,$$

$$V(11) = L_3 L_3^{-1} = \langle 2^3 \cdot 3^{-1}; 2^{-2} \cdot 3^2; 2; 11 \cdot 2^{-1} \cdot 3^{-1} \rangle,$$

$$V(17) = L_{48} L_3^{-2} L_6^{-2} = \langle 2^2 \cdot 3^{-3}; 2^{-4}; 2^{-5}; 17 \cdot 2^{-2} \cdot 3^{-5} \rangle,$$

$$G(5) = L_{14} (F(7) V(17))^{-1} = \langle 3^3; 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5; 2^{11} \cdot 3^{-2}; 2 \cdot 3^5 \rangle,$$

$$V(7) = L_4 G(5)^{-1} = \langle 2^2 \cdot 3^{-3}; 2^{-1} \cdot 3^{-2}; 2^{-10} \cdot 3^3; 7 \cdot 2^{-1} \cdot 3^{-5} \rangle,$$

$$F(11) = L_{24} L_4 L_{11}^{-1} G(5)^{-3} = \langle 11^{-1} \cdot 2^5 \cdot 3^{-8}; 2^{-5} \cdot 3^{-7}; 2^{-31} \cdot 3^7; 2^{-4} \cdot 3^{-12} \rangle,$$

$$F(5^3) = L_5 L_{25} V(5) L_{12}^{-1} V(7)^{-1} = \langle 5^3 \cdot 2^{-3} \cdot 3^2; 2^3 \cdot 3^4; 2^{11}; 2^6 \cdot 3^4 \rangle,$$

$$V(13) = \frac{L_{64} L_{15} L_{12}^2 L_7 L_3 F(5^3)}{L_{168} L_{10} L_5^3 L_2^3 G(5)} = \langle 2^{-5} \cdot 3^5; 2^8 \cdot 3^{-4}; 2^{-4} \cdot 3^3; 13^{-1} \cdot 2^{-1} \cdot 3^3 \rangle,$$

$$F(5) = L_{75} L_4 L_3 V(13) L_5^{-1} L_{18}^{-1} L_9^{-1} = \langle 5 \cdot 2^{-4} \cdot 3^3; 2^{10} \cdot 3^{-5}; 2^{-5} \cdot 3^4; 2^{-4} \cdot 3^3 \rangle,$$

$$U(7) = F(5) L_5^{-1} = \langle 2^{-4} \cdot 3^3; 2^9 \cdot 3^{-6}; 7^{-1} \cdot 2^{-5} \cdot 3^4; 2^{-7} \cdot 3^3 \rangle,$$

$$G(13) = L_{12} U(7) L_2^{-1} = \langle 2^{-3} \cdot 3^4; 13 \cdot 2^9 \cdot 3^7; 2^{-6} \cdot 3^4; 2^{-7} \cdot 3^4 \rangle,$$

$$G(11) = F(5) V(13)^{-1} L_{10}^{-1} = \langle 3^{-4}; 11^{-1} \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^{-1}; 2^{-3}; 2^{-3} \rangle,$$

$$U(17) = F(5) L_{15}^{-1} = \langle 2^{-4} \cdot 3^2; 2^6 \cdot 3^{-5}; 17^{-1} \cdot 2^{-5} \cdot 3^4; 2^{-4} \cdot 3 \rangle,$$

$$U(13) = F(11) L_{11} V(7)^{-1} = \langle 2^3 \cdot 3^{-5}; 2^{-2} \cdot 3^{-4}; 13 \cdot 2^{-21} \cdot 3^4; 2^{-2} \cdot 3^{-7} \rangle,$$

$$U(11) = L_9 G(5)^{-1} = \langle 3^{-1}; 3^{-2}; 11 \cdot 2^{-11} \cdot 3^2; 2 \cdot 3^{-4} \rangle,$$

$$V(19) = L_{54} G(11) U(7) G(5)^{-1} = \langle 2^{-3} \cdot 3^{-1}; 2^{10} \cdot 3^{-9}; 2^{-16} \cdot 3^6; 19 \cdot 2^{-11} \cdot 3^{-1} \rangle,$$

$$G(17) = V(19) L_{16}^{-1} = \langle 2^{-7} \cdot 3^{-1}; 17^{-1} \cdot 2^{10} \cdot 3^{-9}; 2^{-17} \cdot 3^4; 2^{-11} \cdot 3^{-1} \rangle,$$

$$F(17) = \frac{L_{85} L_9 L_6 L_7 L_2}{L_{42} L_{27} F(5) G(5) V(11)} = \langle 17 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^{-6}; 3^2 \cdot 2^{-6}; 3 \cdot 2^{-4}; 2^9 \cdot 3^{-7} \rangle,$$

$$U(19) = F(17) L_2 L_{17}^{-1} = \langle 2^3 \cdot 3^{-6}; 2^{-7} \cdot 3; 19^{-1} \cdot 2^{-2} \cdot 3; 2^7 \cdot 3^{-7} \rangle,$$

$$G(19) = L_{18} V(7)^{-1} L_3^{-2} = \langle 2^{-1} \cdot 3^3; 19 \cdot 2^{-3} \cdot 3^2; 2^{11} \cdot 3^{-3}; 2^{-1} \cdot 3^4 \rangle,$$

$$F(19) = L_{19} U(7) V(11)^{-1} G(5)^{-1} = \langle 19 \cdot 2^{-5} \cdot 3; 2^{12} \cdot 3^{-10}; 2^{-17} \cdot 3^7; 2^{-6} \cdot 3^{-1} \rangle.$$

$$F_1 := L_1 = \langle 1; 2; 3; 2^2 \rangle,$$

$$F_2 := \frac{F(5)^3 L_1^{12}}{F(5)^3} = \left\langle \frac{2^9}{3^7}; \frac{3^{19}}{2^{15}}; 2^{26}; \frac{2^{42}}{3^5} \right\rangle,$$

$$F_3 := \frac{L_{340} L_2 L_8 G(11) L_1^7}{L_{17} L_{20} L_3 V(7)^3} = \left\langle \frac{3^2}{2}; 2^9 \cdot 3^6; 2^{25}; 2^{11} \cdot 3^{13} \right\rangle,$$

$$F_4 := \frac{L_{133} L_{20} L_{15} L_2 G(5)^2 L_1^{21}}{L_{66} L_{14} L_9 L_3 L_7 L_6 F(19) F(11) F(5)} = \left\langle 2^6; 2^7 \cdot 3^{27}; 2^{69}; \frac{2^{58}}{3^{17}} \right\rangle,$$

$$F_5 := \frac{L_{32} G(11) U(17)}{L_2 L_1 V(7)} = \left\langle \frac{3}{2^2}; \frac{2^8}{3^4}; 2; \frac{3^6}{2^9} \right\rangle,$$

$$F_6 := \frac{L_3 L_1^{15}}{L_{33} F(11) G(17) U(7)} = \langle 2^6 \cdot 3^6; 2^2 \cdot 3^{22}; 2^{53}; 2^{63} \cdot 3^9 \rangle,$$

$$F_7 := \frac{L_{31}L_6L_4L_2L_1^8}{L_{62}L_9} = \langle 2^4; 2^5 \cdot 3^5; 2^{19}; 2^7 \cdot 3^8 \rangle,$$

$$F_8 := \frac{L_7^2 G(5)^2 L_1^8}{L_{49} L_2^2 U(17) V(13)} = \left\langle \frac{2^7}{3}; 2 \cdot 3^{11}; 2^{27}; 2^{24} \cdot 3^6 \right\rangle,$$

$$F_9 := \frac{L_{63}L_2L_1^8}{L_8L_7U(13)} = \left\langle \frac{3^7}{2^6}; 2^{11} \cdot 3^3; 2^{22}; 2^{14} \cdot 3^8 \right\rangle,$$

$$F_{10} := \frac{L_{55}L_{13}F(11)U(19)}{L_{26}L_6^3L_3U(7)F(5)L_1^2} = \left\langle \frac{2^{13}}{3^{23}}; \frac{3^2}{2^{31}}; \frac{1}{2^{25}}; \frac{2^{14}}{3^{30}} \right\rangle,$$

$$F_{11} := \frac{L_{37}L_8L_4^2L_1^2}{L_{74}L_{18}L_2U(19)U(13)} = \left\langle \frac{3^9}{2^2}; 2^{12} \cdot 3^3; 2^{20}; 2^2 \cdot 3^{13} \right\rangle,$$

$$F_{12} := \frac{L_{30}L_{23}L_{45}L_2^3V(19)V(13)L_1^7}{L_{92}L_{22}L_8L_3F(11)F(5)^2} = \left\langle \frac{3^{10}}{2^7}; 2^{12} \cdot 3^5; 2^{27}; 2^{18} \cdot 3^9 \right\rangle.$$

Let R denote the column vector $[f(2), f(3), g(2), g(3), u(2), v(2), v(3)]$. The formulas F_2, \dots, F_{12} lead to the linear equation $MR \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$, where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -7 & -15 & 19 & 26 & 42 & -5 \\ -1 & 2 & 9 & 6 & 25 & 11 & 13 \\ 6 & 0 & 7 & 27 & 69 & 58 & -17 \\ -2 & 1 & 8 & -4 & 1 & -9 & 6 \\ 6 & 6 & 2 & 22 & 53 & 63 & 9 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 & 5 & 19 & 7 & 8 \\ 7 & -1 & 1 & 11 & 27 & 24 & 6 \\ -5 & 7 & 11 & 3 & 22 & 14 & 8 \\ 13 & -23 & -31 & 2 & -25 & 14 & -30 \\ -2 & 9 & 12 & 3 & 20 & 2 & 13 \\ -7 & 10 & 12 & 5 & 27 & 18 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By using the Gaussian elimination over the ring of integers, we get easily that the only solution of it is $R \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$. Hence, by the formulas $F(p), \dots, V(p)$ we get immediately that $f(p), g(p), u(p), v(p) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$ for $p \leq 19$.

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