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# Some new hybrid power mean formulae of trigonometric sums

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## Abstract

We apply the analytic method and the properties of the classical Gauss sums to study the computational problem of a certain hybrid power mean of the trigonometric sums and to prove several new mean value formulae for them. At the same time, we also obtain a new recurrence formula involving the Gauss sums and two-term exponential sums.

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## 1 Introduction

For any integer  $m$  and odd prime  $p \geq 3$ , the cubic Gauss sums  $A(m, p) = A(m)$  are defined as follows:

$$A(m) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3}{p}\right),$$

where, as usual,  $e(y) = e^{2\pi iy}$ .

We found that several scholars studied the hybrid mean value problems of various trigonometric sums and obtained many interesting results. For example, Chen and Hu [1] studied the computational problem of the hybrid power mean

$$S_k(p) = \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3}{p}\right) \right)^k \cdot \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mc + \bar{c}}{p}\right) \right|^2,$$

where  $\bar{c}$  denotes the multiplicative inverse of  $c \bmod p$ , that is,  $c \cdot \bar{c} \equiv 1 \pmod p$ .

For  $p \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ , they proved an interesting third-order linear recurrence formula for  $S_k(p)$ .

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Li and Hu [2] studied the computational problem of the hybrid power mean

$$\sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ba^4}{p}\right) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{bc + \bar{c}}{p}\right) \right|^2 \tag{1}$$

and proved an exact computational formula for (1).

Zhang and Zhang [3] proved the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left| \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + na}{p}\right) \right|^4 = \begin{cases} 2p^3 - p^2 & \text{if } 3 \nmid p - 1, \\ 2p^3 - 7p^2 & \text{if } 3 \mid p - 1. \end{cases}$$

Other related contents can also be found in [4–12], which will not be repeated here.

In this paper, inspired by [1] and [2], we consider the following mean value:

$$H_k(c, p) = \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{cma^3}{p}\right) \right)^k \cdot \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3. \tag{2}$$

We do not know whether there exists a precise computational formula for (2), where  $c$  is any integer with  $(c, p) = 1$ , and  $p \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ .

Actually, there also exists a third-order linear recurrence formula of  $H_k(c, p)$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$  and  $c$ . But for some integers  $c$ , the initial value of  $H_k(c, p)$  is very simple, whereas for other  $c$ , the initial value of  $H_k(c, p)$  is more complex. So a satisfactory recursive formula for  $H_k(c, p)$  is not available.

The main purpose of this paper is using an analytic method and the properties of classical Gauss sums to give an effective calculation method for  $H_k(c, p)$  with some special integers  $c$ . We will prove the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ . If 3 is not a cubic residue mod  $p$ , then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{3ma^3}{p}\right) \right) \left( \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mb^3 + b}{p}\right) \right)^3 &= 3p^2 + dp^2, \\ \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3}{p}\right) \right)^2 \left( \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mb^3 + b}{p}\right) \right)^3 &= p^2(3p - 5d), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{3ma^3}{p}\right) \right)^3 \left( \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mb^3 + b}{p}\right) \right)^3 = p^2(5dp + 9p - d^2).$$

**Theorem 2** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ . If 3 is a cubic residue mod  $p$ , then for any integer  $k \geq 3$ , we have the third-order linear recurrence formula*

$$H_k(1, p) = 3pH_{k-2}(1, p) + dpH_{k-3}(1, p),$$

where the first three terms are  $H_0(1, p) = 2p^2 - pd$ ,  $H_1(1, p) = p^2(d - 6)$ , and  $H_2(1, p) = p^2(6p - 5d)$ .

*Some notes:* First, in Theorem 1, if  $(3, p - 1) = 1$ , then the question we are discussing is trivial, because in this case, we have

$$\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3}{p}\right) = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma}{p}\right) = 0.$$

Second, in the first and third formulas of Theorem 1, we take  $c = 3$  (and  $c = 1$  in the second formula). These are all for getting the exact value of the mean value. Otherwise, the results will not be pretty.

### 2 Several lemmas

To complete the proofs of our theorems, several lemmas are essential. Hereafter, we will use related properties of the classical Gauss sums and the third-order character mod  $p$ , all of which can be found in books concerning elementary number theory or analytic number theory, such as [13] and [14]. First we have the following:

**Lemma 1** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ . Then for any third-order character  $\psi \pmod p$ , we have the identity*

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \psi(m) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 = \overline{\psi}(3) p \tau^2(\overline{\psi}) - 3 p \tau(\psi).$$

*Proof* First, applying the trigonometric identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^q e\left(\frac{nm}{q}\right) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } q \mid n, \\ 0 & \text{if } q \nmid n \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

and noting that  $\psi^3 = \chi_0$ , the principal character mod  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \psi(m) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \psi(m) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^2 \\ & \quad + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \psi(m) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \psi(m) \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \psi(m) \left( \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^2 \\ & \quad + \tau(\psi) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) e\left(\frac{a + b + c}{p}\right) \\ &= -2\tau(\psi) + \tau(\psi) \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + 1) \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{b(a + 1)}{p}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \tau(\psi) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + b^3 + 1) \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{c(a+b+1)}{p}\right) \\
 & = -2\tau(\psi) - \tau(\psi) \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + 1) + p\tau(\psi) \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + b^3 + 1) \\
 & \quad - \tau(\psi) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + b^3 + 1) \\
 & = -2\tau(\psi) - \tau(\psi) \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + 1) + p\tau(\psi) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 - (a+1)^3 + 1) \\
 & \quad - \tau(\psi) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + b^3 + 1). \tag{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $\psi^2 = \overline{\psi}$  and  $\tau(\psi)\tau(\overline{\psi}) = p$ , from the properties of Gauss sums we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + 1) & = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a+1)(1 + \psi(a) + \overline{\psi}(a)) \\
 & = \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a+1) + \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(1 + \overline{a}) + \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^2 + a) \\
 & = -2 + \frac{1}{\tau(\psi)} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \psi(b) \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a) e\left(\frac{b(a+1)}{p}\right) \\
 & = -2 + \frac{\tau^2(\overline{\psi})}{\tau(\psi)} = -2 + \frac{\tau^3(\overline{\psi})}{p}, \tag{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 - (a+1)^3 + 1) & = \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(-3a(a+1)) \\
 & = \overline{\psi}(3) \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a(a+1)) = \frac{\overline{\psi}(3)\tau^3(\overline{\psi})}{p}. \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\psi$  is a third-order character mod  $p$ , for any integer  $c$  with  $(c, p) = 1$ , from the properties of the classical Gauss sums we have

$$\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ca^3}{p}\right) = 1 + \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} (1 + \psi(a) + \overline{\psi}(a)) e\left(\frac{ca}{p}\right) = \overline{\psi}(c)\tau(\psi) + \psi(c)\tau(\overline{\psi}). \tag{7}$$

Applying (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \overline{\psi}(a^3 + b^3 + 1) & = \frac{1}{\tau(\psi)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \psi(c) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ca^3 + cb^3 + c}{p}\right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{\tau(\psi)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \psi(c) e\left(\frac{c}{p}\right) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ca^3}{p}\right)\right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\tau(\psi)} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \psi(c) e\left(\frac{c}{p}\right) (\psi(c)\tau^2(\psi) + 2p + \overline{\psi}(c)\tau^2(\overline{\psi})) \\
 &= \tau(\psi)\tau(\overline{\psi}) + 2p - \frac{\tau^3(\overline{\psi})}{p} = 3p - \frac{\tau^3(\overline{\psi})}{p}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Combining (4), (5), (6), and (8), we have the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \psi(m) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 = \overline{\psi}(3)p\tau^2(\overline{\psi}) - 3p\tau(\psi).$$

This proves Lemma 1. □

**Lemma 2** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , and let  $\psi$  be any third-order character mod  $p$ . Then we have*

$$\tau^3(\psi) + \tau^3(\overline{\psi}) = dp,$$

where  $\tau(\psi)$  denotes the classical Gauss sums, and  $d$  is uniquely determined by  $4p = d^2 + 27b^2$  and  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

*Proof* See [4] or [9]. □

**Lemma 3** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Then we have the identity*

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 = 2p^2 - pd.$$

*Proof* Since the congruence equation  $x^3 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has three solutions in a reduced residue system mod  $p$ , from (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^2 + \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^2 \left( \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right) \\
 &= p + 2 \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) + \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^2 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mc^3(a^3 + b^3 + 1) + c(a + b + 1)}{p}\right) \\
 &= p + \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \sum_{b=1}^{p-1} \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{mb^3(a^3 + 1) + b(a + 1)}{p}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ p \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a^3+b^3+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p}}^{p-1} \sum_{\substack{b=0 \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p}}^{p-1} \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{c(a+b+1)}{p}\right) \\
 &= p + p(p-1) - 2p + p^2 \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a^3+b^3+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 - p \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a^3+b^3+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1. \tag{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the conditions  $a^3 + b^3 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod p$  and  $a + b + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod p$  ( $0 \leq a, b \leq p - 1$ ) imply  $a(a + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod p$  and  $a + b + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod p$ , or  $(a, b) = (0, p - 1)$  and  $(a, b) = (p - 1, 0)$ . So we have

$$p^2 \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a^3+b^3+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p \\ a+b+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 = 2p^2. \tag{10}$$

From (3), (7), Lemma 2, and the properties of Gauss sums we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p \sum_{\substack{a=0 \\ a^3+b^3+1 \equiv 0 \pmod p}}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} 1 &= \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} \sum_{b=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{m(a^3 + b^3 + 1)}{p}\right) \\
 &= p^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{m}{p}\right) \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3}{p}\right)\right)^2 \\
 &= p^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{m}{p}\right) (\overline{\psi}(m)\tau(\psi) + \psi(m)\tau(\overline{\psi}))^2 \\
 &= p^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{m}{p}\right) (\psi(m)\tau^2(\psi) + 2p + \overline{\psi}(m)\tau^2(\overline{\psi})) \\
 &= p^2 + \tau^3(\psi) - 2p + \tau^3(\overline{\psi}) = p^2 - 2p + dp. \tag{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (9), (10), and (11), we have the identity

$$\sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right)\right)^3 = 2p^2 - pd.$$

This proves Lemma 3. □

### 3 Proofs of the theorems

We achieve our main results in this part. First, we prove Theorem 1. For any integer  $m$  with  $(m, p) = 1$ , from (7) and Lemma 2 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^3(3m) &= \left(\sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{3ma^3}{p}\right)\right)^3 = (\overline{\psi}(3m)\tau(\psi) + \psi(3m)\tau(\overline{\psi}))^3 \\
 &= \tau^3(\psi) + \tau^3(\overline{\psi}) + 3p(\overline{\psi}(3m)\tau(\psi) + \psi(3m)\tau(\overline{\psi})) = dp + 3pA(3m). \tag{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying (7) and Lemmas 1 and 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} A(3m) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (\overline{\psi}(3m)\tau(\psi) + \psi(3m)\tau(\overline{\psi})) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= \overline{\psi}(3)\tau(\psi)(\psi(3)p\tau^2(\psi) - 3p\tau(\overline{\psi})) + \psi(3)\tau(\overline{\psi})(\overline{\psi}(3)p\tau^2(\overline{\psi}) - 3p\tau(\psi)) \\
 &= p(\tau^3(\psi) + \tau^3(\overline{\psi})) - 3p^2(\psi(3) + \overline{\psi}(3)) = dp^2 + 3p^2 - 3p^2(1 + \psi(3) + \overline{\psi}(3)) \\
 &= p^2(d + 3),
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where we have used the identity  $1 + \psi(3) + \overline{\psi}(3) = 0$ .

Applying Lemmas 1, 2, and 3 and (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3}{p}\right) \right)^2 \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (\overline{\psi}(m)\tau(\psi) + \psi(m)\tau(\overline{\psi}))^2 \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= 2p(2p^2 - dp) + \tau^2(\psi)(\overline{\psi}(3)p\tau^2(\overline{\psi}) - 3p\tau(\psi)) \\
 &\quad + \tau^2(\overline{\psi})(\psi(3)p\tau^2(\psi) - 3p\tau(\overline{\psi})) \\
 &= 2p^2(2p - d) + (\psi(3) + \overline{\psi}(3))p^3 - 3p(\tau^3(\psi) + \tau^3(\overline{\psi})) \\
 &= p^2(3p - 5d).
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Applying Lemmas 1, 2, and 3 and (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{3ma^3}{p}\right) \right)^3 \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} (\overline{\psi}(3m)\tau(\psi) + \psi(3m)\tau(\overline{\psi}))^3 \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= dp \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 + 3p \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} A(3m) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3+a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\
 &= dp(2p^2 - pd) + 3p(3p^2 + dp^2) = p^2(5dp + 9p - d^2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Now Theorem 1 follows from (13), (14), and (15).

If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod 3$  and 3 is a cubic residue mod  $p$ , then  $\psi(3) = \overline{\psi}(3) = 1$ . From Lemma 3 we have

$$H_0(1, p) = 2p^2 - pd. \tag{16}$$

From (7) and Lemmas 1 and 2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_1(1, p) &= \tau(\psi)(p\tau^2(\psi) - 3p\tau(\bar{\psi})) + \tau(\bar{\psi})(p\tau^2(\bar{\psi}) - 3p\tau(\psi)) \\ &= p(\tau^3(\psi) + \tau^3(\bar{\psi})) - 6p^2 = dp^2 - 6p^2. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

From (7) and Lemmas 1, 2, and 3 we also have

$$\begin{aligned} H_2(1, p) &= 2pH_0(1, p) + \tau^2(\bar{\psi})(p\tau^2(\psi) - 3p\tau(\bar{\psi})) + \tau^2(\psi)(p\tau^2(\bar{\psi}) - 3p\tau(\psi)) \\ &= 2p^2(2p - d) + 2p^3 - 3p(\tau^3(\psi) + \tau^3(\bar{\psi})) = p^2(6p - 5d). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

If  $k \geq 3$ , then applying (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_k(1, p) &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} A^k(m) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{p-1} A^{k-3}(m)(dp + 3pA(m)) \left( \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} e\left(\frac{ma^3 + a}{p}\right) \right)^3 \\ &= 3pH_{k-2}(1, p) + dpH_{k-3}(1, p). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Now Theorem 2 follows from (16), (17), (18), and (19).

This completes the proofs of all our results.

#### 4 Conclusion

The main work of this paper includes two theorems. In Theorem 1, we obtained some exact values of (2) when  $k = 1, 2$ , and 3. In Theorem 2, we showed that  $H_k(1, p)$  satisfies an interesting third-order linear recurrence formula. These works not only profoundly reveal the regularity of a certain hybrid power mean of the trigonometric sums, but also provide some new ideas and methods for further study of such problems.

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