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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a discrete valuation ring with maximal ideal generated by a prime element  $\pi$  and let  $R_\pi$  denote the completion of  $R$  with respect to the  $\pi$ -adic topology on  $R$ . Assume that the residue field  $R/(\pi)$  is a finite field. Let  $f \in R_\pi[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . For each  $m \geq 1$ , let  $c_m$  denote the number of solutions to the congruence  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \equiv 0 \pmod{\pi^m}$ . The Poincaré series of  $f$  is the formal power series

$$P_f(y) = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_m y^m.$$

In this paper we compute  $P_f(y)$  for an arbitrary diagonal polynomial  $f$  given by

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \epsilon_1 x_1^{t_1} + \dots + \epsilon_n x_n^{t_n} + b$$

where  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n \in R_\pi$ ,  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are positive integers and  $b \in R_\pi$ . We thus extend results of Goldman, Wang and Han and also give a rather explicit description of the rational function  $P_f(y)$  that specializes to the results of Wang and Han.

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