

## Duplication formulas in triple trigonometry

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**Abstract:** We study the duplication formulas of triple sine and cosine functions from various expressions point of view.

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**1. Introduction.** Triple trigonometric functions

$$\mathcal{S}_3(x) = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2} \right)^{n^2} e^{x^2} \right\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_3(x) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \right)^{\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} e^{x^2} \right\}$$

are interesting special functions. For example, the special value  $\mathcal{S}_3(1/2)$  gives the expression

$$\zeta(3) = \frac{8\pi^2}{7} \log \left( \mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)$$

to the famous mysterious zeta-value

$$\zeta(3) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}$$

as proved in [KW1].

We therefore want to know the arithmetic nature of special values of  $\mathcal{S}_3(x)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_3(x)$ . Since these trigonometric functions are generalizations of the usual trigonometric functions

$$\mathcal{S}_1(x) = 2\pi x \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2} \right) = 2 \sin(\pi x)$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_1(x) = 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \right) = 2 \cos(\pi x),$$

it would be natural to study the analogue of the following well-known duplication formulas:

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(A)  $\mathcal{S}_1(2x) = \mathcal{S}_1(x)\mathcal{C}_1(x)$ ,

(B)  $\mathcal{S}_1(2x) = \mathcal{S}_1(x)\mathcal{S}_1\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)$ ,

(C)  $\mathcal{S}_1(2x) = \Phi(\mathcal{S}_1(x))$  for  $\Phi(u) = \pm u\sqrt{4 - u^2}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{C}_1(2x) = \Psi(\mathcal{C}_1(x))$  for  $\Psi(u) = u^2 - 2$ .

Our first results are generalizations of (A) and (B) which we call multiplicative duplication formulas.

**Theorem 1.1.** *The multiplicative duplication formulas of  $\mathcal{S}_3(x)$  hold:*

(A)  $\mathcal{S}_3(2x) = \mathcal{S}_3(x)^4 \mathcal{C}_3(x)^4$ ,

(B)  $\mathcal{S}_3(2x) = \exp\left(\frac{7\zeta(3)}{2\pi^2}\right) \mathcal{S}_3(x)^4 \mathcal{S}_3\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^4$   
 $\times \mathcal{S}_2\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} \mathcal{S}_1\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

Also the analogue of the duplication formulas of type (C) we seek are of the form respectively given by

$$\mathcal{S}_3(2x) = \Phi(\mathcal{S}_3(x))$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_3(2x) = \Psi(\mathcal{C}_3(x))$$

where  $\Phi(u)$  and  $\Psi(u)$  belong in  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}[[u]]$ .

If we have such formulas, from the fact  $\mathcal{S}_3(1) = 0$  we have  $\Phi(\mathcal{S}_3(1/2)) = 0$ , which might imply the algebraicity of the value

$$\mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{7\zeta(3)}{8\pi^2}\right).$$

Moreover, from the fact  $\Psi(\mathcal{C}_3(1/4)) = \mathcal{C}_3(1/2) = 0$  we would have the algebraicity of

$$\mathcal{C}_3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 2^{\frac{1}{32}} \exp\left(\frac{21\zeta(3)}{64\pi^2} + \frac{L(2, \chi_{-4})}{4\pi}\right)$$

where

$$L(s, \chi_{-4}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{-4}(n)}{n^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{n^s}$$

is the Dirichlet  $L$ -function for the non-trivial Dirichlet character  $\chi_{-4}$  modulo 4.

The following two theorems are results in the direction of (C).

**Theorem 1.2.** *There exists a power series*

$$\Phi(u) = -16u^4 + 8u^6 + \dots$$

belonging to  $\mathbf{R}[[u]]$  which satisfies

$$\mathcal{S}_3(2x) = \Phi(\mathcal{S}_3(x))$$

around  $x = 1$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** *There exists a power series*

$$\Psi(u) = -16 + 32 \exp\left(-\frac{7\zeta(3)}{\pi^2}\right)u^2 + \dots$$

belonging to  $\mathbf{R}[[u]]$  which satisfies

$$\mathcal{C}_3(2x)^4 = \Psi(\mathcal{C}_3(x)^4)$$

around  $x = 1/2$ .

**2. Multiple trigonometric functions.**

We recall here basic multiple trigonometry from [K1, KKo, KOW]. Multiple trigonometric functions of degree  $r \geq 2$  are consisting of the multiple sine function

$$\mathcal{S}_r(x) = e^{\frac{x^{r-1}}{r-1}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ P_r\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) P_r\left(-\frac{x}{n}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}} \right\}^{n^{r-1}}$$

and the multiple cosine function

$$\mathcal{C}_r(x) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ P_r\left(\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}\right) P_r\left(-\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}} \right\}^{(n-\frac{1}{2})^{r-1}},$$

where

$$P_r(u) = (1-u) \exp\left(u + \frac{u^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{u^r}{r}\right).$$

Besides the triple sine and cosine functions described in the beginning, for example, these formulas give

$$\mathcal{S}_2(x) = e^x \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(\frac{1-\frac{x}{n}}{1+\frac{x}{n}}\right)^n e^{2x} \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{C}_2(x) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(\frac{1-\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{1+\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^{n-\frac{1}{2}} e^{2x} \right\}.$$

These infinite product expressions are generalizations of

$$\mathcal{S}_1(x) = 2\pi x \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2}\right)$$

$$= 2\pi x \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} P_1\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) P_1\left(-\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_1(x) = 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{(n-\frac{1}{2})^2}\right)$$

$$= 2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} P_1\left(\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}\right) P_1\left(-\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}\right).$$

We notice that the multiple sine function  $\mathcal{S}_r(x)$  is a meromorphic function of order  $r$ , which is entire when  $r$  is odd. The multiple cosine function  $\mathcal{C}_r(x)$  is a  $2^{r-1}$ -multi-valued function, and

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_r(x) = \mathcal{C}_r(x)^{2^{r-1}}$$

$$= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ P_r\left(\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}\right) P_r\left(-\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}} \right\}^{(2n-1)^{r-1}}$$

defines a single-valued meromorphic function of order  $r$ . In this paper we use the differential equations

$$\mathcal{S}'_r(x) = \mathcal{S}_r(x) \pi x^{r-1} \cot(\pi x)$$

and

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_r(x) = -2^{r-1} \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_r(x) \pi x^{r-1} \tan(\pi x)$$

derived from the product expressions via logarithmic differentiations.

These multiple trigonometric functions were initially constructed and investigated in [K1, K2, K3]. We refer also to Manin [M] as an excellent survey. Some details of our study have been published in [KKo, KW1, KOW] among others.

We are especially interested in the nature of the special values  $\mathcal{S}_r(n/2)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_r(n/2)$  for integers  $n$ . These values are intimately related to the special values of zeta functions as shown in [K1, KW1, KOW, KKo] (see also [KW4, KW5]), and furthermore these give extremal values of the functions  $\mathcal{S}_r(x)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_r(x)$  respectively as we determined in [KW3] when  $r = 2, 3$ . (See also [KW2] for its appearance in the functional equation of the higher Selberg zeta function). We know the algebraicity of  $\mathcal{S}_1(1/2) = 2$  and  $\mathcal{S}_2(1/2) = \sqrt{2}$ , but we have no results concerning the algebraicity of  $\mathcal{S}_3(1/2)$  up to now. Here we note that the fact  $\mathcal{S}_2(1/2) = \sqrt{2}$  is not obvious and it is actually equivalent to Euler's famous integration ([E])

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin \phi) d\phi = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log 2$$

as shown in [KW3].

**3. Multiplicative duplication formulas.**

We show Theorem 1.1. Since the duplication formula (A) can be proved for any degree  $r$  ( $r \geq 2$ ) as

$$\mathcal{S}_r(2x) = \mathcal{S}_r(x)^{2^{r-1}} \mathcal{C}_r(x)^{2^{r-1}}$$

in a unified way, we show the theorem in this generalized form. In fact, observing the expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_r(2x) &= e^{\frac{(2x)^{r-1}}{r-1}} \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\{ P_r\left(\frac{2x}{m}\right) P_r\left(-\frac{2x}{m}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}} \right\}^{m^{r-1}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_r(x)^{2^{r-1}} &= e^{\frac{(2x)^{r-1}}{r-1}} \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\{ P_r\left(\frac{x}{m}\right) P_r\left(-\frac{x}{m}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}} \right\}^{(2m)^{r-1}} \\ &= e^{\frac{(2x)^{r-1}}{r-1}} \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\{ P_r\left(\frac{2x}{2m}\right) P_r\left(-\frac{2x}{2m}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}} \right\}^{(2m)^{r-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathcal{S}_r(2x)}{\mathcal{S}_r(x)^{2^{r-1}}} &= \prod_{m=1, m:\text{odd}}^{\infty} \left\{ P_r\left(\frac{2x}{m}\right) P_r\left(-\frac{2x}{m}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}} \right\}^{m^{r-1}} \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ P_r\left(\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}\right) P_r\left(-\frac{x}{n-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{(-1)^{r-1}} \right\}^{(2n-1)^{r-1}} \\ &= \mathcal{C}_r(x)^{2^{r-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows (A). We notice that this property is valid for  $r = 1$  also, since  $\mathcal{S}_1(2x) = \mathcal{S}_1(x)\mathcal{C}_1(x)$ .

Next, we prove (B). We show that

- (i) both sides are 1 at  $x = 0$ ,
- (ii) logarithmic derivatives of both sides are  $8\pi x^2 \cot(2\pi x)$ .

If we check these facts we can conclude the equality (B). Concerning (i), we see that the left hand side is  $\mathcal{S}_3(0) = 1$  and the right hand side is in fact

$$\exp\left(\frac{7\zeta(3)}{2\pi^2}\right) \mathcal{S}_3(0)^4 \mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \mathcal{S}_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} \mathcal{S}_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

which follows from

$$\mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{7\zeta(3)}{8\pi^2}\right),$$

$$\mathcal{S}_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2}$$

and

$$\mathcal{S}_1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2.$$

To see (ii), we recall that

$$\frac{\mathcal{S}'_r}{\mathcal{S}_r}(x) = \pi x^{r-1} \cot(\pi x)$$

for  $r \geq 1$  as proved in [KKo]. Hence the logarithmic derivative of the right hand side is

$$\begin{aligned} &4 \frac{\mathcal{S}'_3}{\mathcal{S}_3}(x) + 4 \frac{\mathcal{S}'_3}{\mathcal{S}_3}\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) - 4 \frac{\mathcal{S}'_2}{\mathcal{S}_2}\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{\mathcal{S}'_1}{\mathcal{S}_1}\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= 4\pi x^2 \cot(\pi x) + 4\pi \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \cot \pi \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &\quad - 4\pi \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \cot \pi \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \pi \cot \pi \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= 4\pi x^2 (\cot(\pi x) - \tan(\pi x)) \\ &= 8\pi x^2 \cot(2\pi x), \end{aligned}$$

which is equal to the logarithmic derivative of the left hand side. This proves the theorem.  $\square$

**4. Special values.** We calculate several special values needed in the proofs of Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 1.3.

**Proposition 4.1.** *We have*

- (1)  $\mathcal{S}'_3(1) = -2\pi$ .
- (2)  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -2\pi \exp\left(\frac{7\zeta(3)}{2\pi^2}\right)$ .
- (3)  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(1) = -16$ .
- (4)  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3(1) = 0$ .
- (5)  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}''_3(1) = 64\pi^2$ .

*Proof.* (1) Using the differential equation

$$\mathcal{S}'_3(x+1) = \mathcal{S}_3(x+1)\pi(x+1)^2 \cot(\pi x)$$

and the periodicity proved in [KKo]

$$\mathcal{S}_3(x+1) = -\mathcal{S}_3(x)\mathcal{S}_2(x)^2\mathcal{S}_1(x),$$

we obtain

$$\mathcal{S}'_3(x+1) = -\pi\mathcal{S}_3(x)\mathcal{S}_2(x)^2(x+1)^2 \frac{\mathcal{S}_1(x)}{\tan(\pi x)}.$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{S}'_3(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{S}'_3(x+1) = -\pi\mathcal{S}_3(0)\mathcal{S}_2(0)^2 \cdot 2 = -2\pi$$

since  $\mathcal{S}_3(0) = \mathcal{S}_2(0) = 1$ .

(2) From the duplication formula  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) = (\mathcal{S}_3(2x))/(\mathcal{S}_3(x)^4)$  of Theorem 1.1, we calculate

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x)}{x - \frac{1}{2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \frac{\mathcal{S}_3(2x)}{x - \frac{1}{2}} \cdot \mathcal{S}_3(x)^{-4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2\mathcal{S}'_3(2x)\Big|_{x=\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} \\ &= 2\mathcal{S}'_3(1)\mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-4} \\ &= 2 \cdot (-2\pi) \cdot \left\{ 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{7\zeta(3)}{8\pi^2}\right) \right\}^{-4} \\ &= -2\pi \exp\left(\frac{7\zeta(3)}{2\pi^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

(3) We first show the periodicity of  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x)$ :

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x+1) = -\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x)\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_2(x)^4\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_1(x)^4.$$

For this purpose we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_3(x+1) &= -\mathcal{S}_3(x)\mathcal{S}_2(x)^2\mathcal{S}_1(x) \quad \text{and} \\ \mathcal{S}_2(x+1) &= -\mathcal{S}_2(x)\mathcal{S}_1(x) \end{aligned}$$

shown in [KKo], and we have then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_3(x+2) &= -\mathcal{S}_3(x+1)\mathcal{S}_2(x+1)^2\mathcal{S}_1(x+1) \\ &= -\mathcal{S}_3(x)\mathcal{S}_2(x)^4\mathcal{S}_1(x)^4. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the periodicity

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x+1) &= \frac{\mathcal{S}_3(2x+2)}{\mathcal{S}_3(x+1)^4} = \frac{-\mathcal{S}_3(2x)\mathcal{S}_2(2x)^4\mathcal{S}_1(2x)^4}{\mathcal{S}_3(x)^4\mathcal{S}_2(x)^8\mathcal{S}_1(x)^4} \\ &= -\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x)\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_2(x)^4\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_1(x)^4 \end{aligned}$$

follows. Letting  $x = 0$  we have

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(1) = -\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(0)\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_2(0)^4\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_1(0)^4 = -16$$

since  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(0) = \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_2(0) = 1$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_1(0) = 2$ . This shows (3). We further obtain

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (-4\pi x^2 \tan(\pi x)\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{C}}''_3(1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \tilde{\mathcal{C}}''_3(x) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) \left( 16\pi^2 x^4 \tan^2(\pi x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 8\pi x \tan(\pi x) - 4\pi x^2 \frac{\pi}{\cos^2(\pi x)} \right) \\ &= -16 \left( -4\pi \cdot \frac{\pi}{1} \right) = 64\pi^2. \end{aligned}$$

Those show respectively the assertion (4) and (5).  $\square$

**5. Duplication formulas via power series.**

We prove Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 1.3. Since  $\mathcal{S}'_3(1) \neq 0$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3(1/2) \neq 0$  by (1) and (2) of Proposition 4.1, the existence of  $\Phi(u)$  and  $\Psi(u)$  follows immediately. Hence we calculate their first coefficients.

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* From Theorem 1.1 it is sufficient to show that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) = -16 + 8\mathcal{S}_3(x)^2 + \dots$$

around  $x = 1$ . Setting

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) = a_0 + a_1\mathcal{S}_3(x) + a_2\mathcal{S}_3(x)^2 + \dots$$

around  $x = 1$ , we show that  $a_0 = -16$ ,  $a_1 = 0$  and  $a_2 = 8$ . By Proposition 4.1 (3), we have  $a_0 = \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(1) = -16$ . Also, by Proposition 4.1 (4) and (1) we observe that

$$a_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) + 16}{\mathcal{S}_3(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3(x)}{\mathcal{S}'_3(x)} = \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3(1)}{\mathcal{S}'_3(1)} = 0.$$

Moreover, using this result we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) + 16}{\mathcal{S}_3(x)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3(x)}{2\mathcal{S}_3(x)\mathcal{S}'_3(x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}''_3(x)}{2\mathcal{S}'_3(x)^2 + 2\mathcal{S}_3(x)\mathcal{S}''_3(x)} = \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}''_3(1)}{2\mathcal{S}'_3(1)^2} = 8 \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 4.1 (5) and (1). This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* From the proof of Theorem 1.2 above we have seen that around  $x = 1$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) = -16 + 8\mathcal{S}_3(x)^2 + \dots$$

Now put

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(2x) = b_0 + b_1\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) + b_2\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x)^2 + \dots$$

around  $x = 1/2$ . Then it is obvious that  $b_0 = \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(1) = -16$  by Proposition 4.1 (4). Next

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(2x) + 16}{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(2x) + 16}{\mathcal{S}_3(2x)} \cdot \mathcal{S}_3(x)^4 \\ &= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) + 16}{\mathcal{S}_3(x)} \right) \cdot \mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}'_3(1)}{\mathcal{S}'_3(1)} \cdot \mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which follows from the Proposition 4.1 (4) and (1). Lastly we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} b_2 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(2x) + 16}{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(2x) + 16}{\mathcal{S}_3(2x)^2} \cdot \mathcal{S}_3(x)^8 \\ &= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_3(x) + 16}{\mathcal{S}_3(x)^2} \right) \cdot \mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \\ &= \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}''_3(1)}{2\mathcal{S}'_3(1)^2} \cdot \mathcal{S}_3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 = 8 \left( 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{7\zeta(3)}{8\pi^2}\right) \right)^8 \\ &= 32 \exp\left(-\frac{7\zeta(3)}{\pi^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

This proves the theorem.  $\square$

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