

Some expressions of double and triple sine functions

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Abstract. We show some expressions of double and triple sine functions. Then we apply the results to special values of Dirichlet L -functions and $\zeta(3)$.

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§1. Introduction

The double sine function $S_2(x)$ and the triple sine function $S_3(x)$ (see [2]) are defined as

$$S_2(x) := \Gamma_2(x)^{-1} \Gamma_2(2-x)$$

and

$$S_3(x) := \Gamma_3(x)^{-1} \Gamma_3(3-x)^{-1}$$

respectively, where

$$\Gamma_2(x) := \exp(\zeta'_2(0, x)) = \exp\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\zeta_2(s, x) \Big|_{s=0}\right)$$

and

$$\Gamma_3(x) := \exp(\zeta'_3(0, x)) = \exp\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\zeta_3(s, x) \Big|_{s=0}\right)$$

are the double gamma function and the triple gamma function. We notice that the double Hurwitz zeta function and the triple Hurwitz zeta function are constructed by

$$\zeta_2(s, x) := \sum_{n_1, n_2 \geq 0} (x + n_1 + n_2)^{-s}$$

and

$$\zeta_3(s, x) := \sum_{n_1, n_2, n_3 \geq 0} (x + n_1 + n_2 + n_3)^{-s}.$$

We recall the classical objects:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(x) &:= \Gamma_1(x)^{-1} \Gamma_1(1-x)^{-1}, \\ \Gamma_1(x) &:= \exp(\zeta'_1(0, x)) = \exp\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta_1(s, x) \Big|_{s=0}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\zeta_1(s, x) = \zeta(s, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-s}.$$

Then we have

$$S_1(x) = \frac{2\pi}{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x)}$$

where we used

$$\Gamma_1(x) = \frac{\Gamma(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

which was obtained by Lerch [10]. First we describe the double gamma function $\Gamma_2(x)$ and the double sine function $S_2(x)$ using the logarithm of the usual gamma function $\Gamma(x)$ as follows:

Theorem 1.1. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_2(x) &= \frac{\Gamma(x)^{1-x}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \zeta'(-1) + \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt\right), \\ S_2(x) &= \left(\frac{(1-x)\pi}{e \sin(\pi x)}\right)^{x-1} \exp\left(\int_x^{2-x} \log \Gamma(t) dt\right). \end{aligned}$$

We notice that this result is considered to be an analogue of Raabe's formula

$$\int_x^{x+1} \log \Gamma(t) dt = x \log x - x + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi)$$

proved in [12] (1844). We refer to [6, 7, 9] for another kind of generalization of Raabe's formula using the generalized gamma function

$$\Gamma_r(x) := \exp\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta(s, x) \Big|_{s=1-r}\right)$$

suggested by Milnor [11] and the generalized sine function

$$\mathbf{S}_r(x) := \Gamma_r(x)^{-1} \Gamma_r(1-x)^{(-1)^r}$$

introduced in [7]. Here we remark that this result is considered as a kind of “Raabe’s formula” from the view point of the generalized gamma function and the generalized sine function (see [6, 7, 9] for details). From Theorem 1.1 we get expressions for special values of some Dirichlet L -functions:

Theorem 1.2. *We obtain*

$$\begin{aligned} L(2, \chi_{-3}) &= \frac{8\sqrt{3}\pi}{9} \log\left(\frac{4\pi}{3e}\right) - \frac{4\sqrt{3}\pi}{3} \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{5}{3}} \log \Gamma(t) dt, \\ L(2, \chi_{-4}) &= \frac{3\pi}{2} \log\left(\frac{3\pi}{2e}\right) - 2\pi \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{7}{4}} \log \Gamma(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

where χ_{-3} and χ_{-4} are non-trivial Dirichlet characters of modulo 3 and 4 respectively.

Remark 1.1. We can rewrite Theorem 1.2 as

$$\begin{aligned} L(2, \chi_{-3}) &= \frac{4\sqrt{3}\pi}{3} \left(\zeta'(-1, \frac{1}{3}) - \zeta'(-1, \frac{5}{3}) \right) + \frac{8\sqrt{3}\pi}{9} \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right), \\ L(2, \chi_{-4}) &= 2\pi \left(\zeta'(-1, \frac{1}{4}) - \zeta'(-1, \frac{7}{4}) \right) + \frac{3\pi}{2} \log\left(\frac{3}{4}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Next we consider the triple gamma function $\Gamma_3(x)$ and the triple sine function $S_3(x)$.

Theorem 1.3. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_3(x) &= \frac{\Gamma(x)^{\frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{7}{8}x^2 - \frac{17}{24}x + \frac{3}{2}\zeta'(-1) + \frac{\zeta'(-2)}{2}\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^x \int_0^t \log \Gamma(u) du dt + \frac{3-2x}{2} \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt\right), \\ S_3(x) &= 2\pi \left(\frac{e \sin(\pi x)}{\pi(x-1)(x-2)} \right)^{\frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-\left(\int_0^x + \int_0^{3-x}\right) \int_0^t \log \Gamma(u) du dt + \frac{3-2x}{2} \int_x^{3-x} \log \Gamma(t) dt\right. \\ &\quad \left. - 3\zeta'(-1) - \zeta'(-2)\right). \end{aligned}$$

From this we get the following result:

Theorem 1.4. *We obtain*

$$\zeta(3) = \frac{8\pi^2}{7} \left(-\frac{7}{4} \log 2 - \frac{9}{4} \log \pi + \frac{1}{4} + 6\zeta'(-1) + 4 \int_0^{\frac{3}{2}} \int_0^t \log \Gamma(u) du dt \right).$$

Remark 1.2. We show also that

$$\int_0^{\frac{3}{2}} \int_0^t \log \Gamma(u) du dt = \int_0^{\frac{3}{2}} \zeta'(-1, t) dt + \frac{9}{16} \log(2\pi) - \frac{3}{2} \zeta'(-1).$$

So we can rewrite Theorem 1.4 as

$$\zeta(3) = \frac{32\pi^2}{7} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \zeta'(-1, t) dt.$$

§2. Proofs of results

Lemma 2.1.

$$\zeta'(-1, x) = \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1 + \log(2\pi)}{2} x + \zeta'(-1).$$

Proof of Lemma 2.1. Let

$$\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} - \log n \right) = 0.5772156649 \dots$$

be the Euler constant, then by the infinite product expression for the gamma function

$$-\log \Gamma(x) = \log x + \gamma x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\log \left(1 + \frac{x}{n} \right) - \frac{x}{n} \right).$$

Hence we have

$$\frac{d^3}{dx^3} \left(- \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt \right) = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2}.$$

Also

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} \zeta(s, x) = -s(s+1)(s+2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-s-3}$$

converges absolutely for $\Re(s) > -2$. Therefore

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left(\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} \zeta(s, x) \right) \Big|_{s=-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+x)^{-2}.$$

So we can write

$$\zeta'(-1, x) - \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt = ax^2 + bx + c,$$

where a, b, c are some constant numbers. Here under the change of the variable, it is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^x \log \Gamma(t+1) dt &= \int_1^{x+1} \log \Gamma(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{x+1} \log \Gamma(t) dt - \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(t) dt.\end{aligned}$$

Using $\log \Gamma(t+1) - \log \Gamma(t) = \log t$, we get

$$\int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt - \int_0^{x+1} \log \Gamma(t) dt = -x \log x + x - \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(t) dt.$$

Moreover, from $\zeta(s, x+1) - \zeta(s, x) = -x^{-s}$ we have

$$\zeta'(-1, x+1) - \zeta'(-1, x) = x \log x.$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta'(-1, x+1) - \zeta'(-1, x) - \int_0^{x+1} \log \Gamma(t) dt + \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt &= 2ax + a + b, \\ x - \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(t) dt &= 2ax + a + b.\end{aligned}$$

To decide b we recall Euler's integral (see [1, 5, 8]):

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

Note that

$$\int_0^1 \log \Gamma(t) dt = \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(1-t) dt.$$

Denote the integral of the left-hand side by I . Then we know

$$\begin{aligned}2I &= \int_0^1 \log(\Gamma(t)\Gamma(1-t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \log\left(\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi t)}\right) dt \\ &= \log \pi - \int_0^1 \log(\sin(\pi t)) dt.\end{aligned}$$

Also we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \log(\sin(\pi t)) dt &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \log(\sin \varphi) d\varphi \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin \varphi) d\varphi.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore from Euler's integral we find that

$$\int_0^1 \log \Gamma(t) dt = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi)$$

and

$$a = \frac{1}{2}, \quad b = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi).$$

Putting $x = 1$ we note

$$c = \zeta'(-1),$$

where we used $\zeta'(-1, 1) = \zeta'(-1)$. Then we obtain the result. \square

Now we show Theorems.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. We put

$$f(x) := \frac{\Gamma(x)^{1-x}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \zeta'(-1) + \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt\right).$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \log f(x) &= (1-x) \log \Gamma(x) - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{x^2 - x}{2} + \zeta'(-1) + \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt, \\ \frac{f'}{f}(x) &= \frac{2x-1}{2} + (1-x) \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(x). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we know

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \zeta_2(s, x) &= -s \zeta_2(s+1, x) \\ &= -s(\zeta(s, x) + (1-x)\zeta(s+1, x)) \\ &= -s\zeta(s, x) + (1-x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \zeta(s, x), \end{aligned}$$

where we used

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \zeta(s, x) = -s\zeta(s+1, x).$$

Since $\zeta(s, x)$ is analytic in a region containing $s = 0$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \zeta_2(s, x) &= -s(\zeta(0, x) + \zeta'(0, x)s + \dots) \\ &\quad + (1-x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\zeta(0, x) + \zeta'(0, x)s + \dots). \end{aligned}$$

By

$$\zeta(0, x) = \frac{1}{2} - x$$

and the Lerch's formula (see [10])

$$\zeta'(0, x) = \log\left(\frac{\Gamma(x)}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right),$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\Gamma'_2}{\Gamma_2}(x) = \frac{2x-1}{2} + (1-x)\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(x).$$

Also, we know

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\zeta'(-1) + \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(t) dt\right).$$

So we have

$$f(1) = e^{\zeta'(-1)}.$$

Naturally we see

$$\Gamma_2(1) = e^{\zeta'(-1,1)} = e^{\zeta'(-1)}.$$

Moreover by the definition of $S_2(x)$, the proof of Theorem 1.1 is completed. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.2. The following examples were known by Kurokawa-Koyama [2, 4]:

$$\begin{aligned} S_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) &= 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} L(2, \chi_{-3})\right), \\ S_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) &= 2^{\frac{3}{8}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\pi} L(2, \chi_{-4})\right). \end{aligned}$$

Then, applying Lemma 2.1 to Theorem 1.2 we obtain the result in Remark 1.1. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.3. We define

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) := \frac{\Gamma(x)^{\frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\Bigg(&- \frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{7}{8}x^2 - \left(\frac{17}{24} + \int_0^1 \zeta'(-1, t) dt\right)x + \frac{3}{2}\zeta'(-1) \\ &+ \frac{\zeta'(-2)}{2} + \int_0^x \int_0^t \log \Gamma(u) du dt + \frac{3-2x}{2} \int_0^x \log \Gamma(t) dt \Bigg). \end{aligned}$$

Then we show Theorem 1.3 similarly as in the proof of Theorem 1.1. Immediately we obtain

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \log g(x) = \frac{2x-3}{2} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(x) + \frac{x^2-3x+2}{2} \cdot \frac{\Gamma''(x)\Gamma(x) - \Gamma'^2(x)}{\Gamma^2(x)} - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{7}{4}.$$

On the other hand, we note

$$\begin{aligned}\log \Gamma_3(x) &= \zeta'_3(0, x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \zeta'(-2, x) + \frac{3-2x}{2} \zeta'(-1, x) + \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2} \zeta'(0, x),\end{aligned}$$

where we used

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta_3(s, x) &= \sum_{n_1, n_2, n_3 \geq 0}^{\infty} (n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + x)^{-s} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)(n+2)(n+x)^{-s} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \zeta(s-2, x) + \frac{3-2x}{2} \zeta(s-1, x) + \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2} \zeta(s, x).\end{aligned}$$

Here we have

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \zeta(s, x) = s(s+1) \zeta(s+2, x).$$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \zeta_3(s, x) &= s(s+1) \zeta_3(s+2, x) \\ &= s(s+1) \left(\frac{1}{2} \zeta(s, x) + \frac{3-2x}{2} \zeta(s+1, x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2} \zeta(s+2, x) \right) \\ &= \frac{s(s+1)}{2} \zeta(s, x) + \frac{(2x-3)(s+1)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \zeta(s, x) \\ &\quad + \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \zeta(s, x).\end{aligned}$$

So we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \zeta_3(s, x) &= \frac{s(s+1)}{2} \left(\zeta(0, x) + \zeta'(0, x)s + \dots \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2x-3)(s+1)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\zeta(0, x) + \zeta'(0, x)s + \dots \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left(\zeta(0, x) + \zeta'(0, x)s + \dots \right).\end{aligned}$$

Hence we obtain

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \log \Gamma_3(x) = \frac{2x-3}{2} \frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)} + \frac{x^2-3x+2}{2} \cdot \frac{\Gamma''(x)\Gamma(x)-\Gamma'^2(x)}{\Gamma^2(x)} - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{7}{4}.$$

Therefore for some constants a, b

$$\frac{g(x)}{\Gamma_3(x)} = e^{ax+b}.$$

Moreover by Lemma 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \int_0^t \log \Gamma(u) dudt &= \int_0^1 \zeta'(-1, t) dt + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{\log(2\pi)}{4} - \zeta'(-1), \\ \int_0^2 \log \Gamma(t) dt &= \log(2\pi) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^t \log \Gamma(u) dudt = -\frac{7}{12} + \log(2\pi) - 2\zeta'(-1) + 2 \int_0^1 \zeta'(-1, t) dt.$$

Hence we can calculate

$$g(1) = \exp\left(\frac{\zeta'(-2)}{2} + \frac{\zeta'(-1)}{2}\right)$$

and

$$g(2) = \exp\left(\frac{\zeta'(-2)}{2} - \frac{\zeta'(-1)}{2}\right).$$

On the other hand, treating

$$\zeta_3(s, 1) = \frac{1}{2}(\zeta(s-2) + \zeta(s-1))$$

and

$$\zeta_3(s, 2) = \frac{1}{2}(\zeta(s-2) - \zeta(s-1)),$$

we have

$$\Gamma_3(1) = \exp\left(\frac{\zeta'(-2)}{2} + \frac{\zeta'(-1)}{2}\right)$$

and

$$\Gamma_3(2) = \exp\left(\frac{\zeta'(-2)}{2} - \frac{\zeta'(-1)}{2}\right).$$

Finally we show

$$(2.1) \quad \int_0^1 \zeta'(-k, t) dt = 0.$$

where $k \geq 1$ be an integer. To prove (2.1) we use the following formula (see [3, 7]).

Lemma 2.2 (Generalized Kummer's Formula). *Let $k \geq 1$ be an integer and $0 < x < 1$.*

(1) *When k is odd,*

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta'(-k, x) = & \frac{2(-1)^{\frac{k+1}{2}} k!}{(2\pi)^{k+1}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\log n) \cos(2\pi nx)}{n^{k+1}} \right. \\ & + \left(\log(2\pi) + \gamma - \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{k} \right) \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2\pi nx)}{n^{k+1}} \\ & \left. - \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi nx)}{n^{k+1}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) *When k is even,*

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta'(-k, x) = & \frac{2(-1)^{\frac{k}{2}} k!}{(2\pi)^{k+1}} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\log n) \sin(2\pi nx)}{n^{k+1}} \right. \\ & + \left(\log(2\pi) + \gamma - \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{k} \right) \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi nx)}{n^{k+1}} \\ & \left. + \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2\pi nx)}{n^{k+1}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we notice that $\int_0^1 \sin(2\pi nt) dt = 0$ and $\int_0^1 \cos(2\pi nt) dt = 0$. Thus we obtain (2.1) by Lemma 2.2. From the definition of $S_3(x)$, Theorem 1.3 is proved. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.4. The following example was shown by Kurokawa-Koyama [2, 5]:

$$S_3\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 2^{-\frac{1}{8}} \exp\left(-\frac{3}{16\pi^2}\zeta(3)\right).$$

So by Theorem 1.3 we have the result. Applying Lemma 2.1 and (2.1) to Theorem 1.4, we obtain

$$\zeta(3) = \frac{8\pi^2}{7} \left(\frac{1}{2} \log 2 + \frac{1}{4} + 4 \int_1^{\frac{3}{2}} \zeta'(-1, t) dt \right).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\frac{3}{2}} \zeta'(-1, t) dt &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \zeta'(-1, t) dt + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} t \log t dt \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \zeta'(-1, t) dt - \frac{1}{8} \log 2 - \frac{1}{16}, \end{aligned}$$

we have Remark 1.2. \square

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