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# The Multiple Gamma-Functions and the Log-Gamma Integrals

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In this paper, which is a companion paper to [W], starting from the Euler integral which appears in a generalization of Jensen's formula, we shall give a closed form for the integral of  $\log \Gamma(1 \pm t)$ . This enables us to locate the genesis of two new functions  $A_{1/a}$  and  $C_{1/a}$  considered by Srivastava and Choi. We consider the closely related function  $A(a)$  and the Hurwitz zeta function, which render the task easier than working with the  $A_{1/a}$  functions themselves. We shall also give a direct proof of Theorem 4.1, which is a consequence of [CKK, Corollary 1.1], though.

## 1. Introduction

If  $f(z)$  is analytic in a domain  $D$  containing the circle  $C : |z| = r$  and has no zero on the circle, then the Gauss mean value theorem

$$\log |f(0)| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta \quad (1.1)$$

is true. In [1, page 207] the case is considered where  $f(z)$  has a zero  $re^{i\theta_0}$  on the circle, and (1.1) turns out that the Euler integral

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin x dx = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log 2 \quad (1.2)$$

which is essential in proving a generalization of Jensen's formula [1, pages 207-208].

Let  $G$  denote the Catalan constant defined by the absolutely convergent series

$$G = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n-1)^2} = L(2, \chi_4), \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\chi_4$  is the nonprincipal Dirichlet character mod 4.

As a next step from (1.2) the relation

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \log \sin t \, dt = -\frac{\pi}{4} \log 2 - \frac{1}{2}G \quad (1.4)$$

holds true. In this connection, in [2] we obtained some results on  $G$  viewing it as an intrinsic value to the Barnes  $G$ -function. The Barnes  $G$ -function (which is  $\Gamma_2^{-1}$  in the class of multiple gamma functions) is defined as the solution to the difference equation (cf. (2.3))

$$\log G(z+1) - \log G(z) = \log \Gamma(z) \quad (1.5)$$

with the initial condition

$$\log G(1) = 0 \quad (1.6)$$

and the asymptotic formula to be satisfied

$$\begin{aligned} \log G(z+N+2) &= \frac{N+1+z}{2} \log 2\pi \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( N^2 + 2N + 1 + B_2 + z^2 + 2(N+1)z \right) \log N \\ &- \frac{3}{4}N^2 - N - Nz - \log A + \frac{1}{12} + O(N^{-1}), \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

$N \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\Gamma(s)$  indicates the Euler gamma function (cf., e.g., [3]).

Invoking the reciprocity relation for the gamma function

$$\Gamma(s) \sin \pi s = \frac{\pi}{\Gamma(1-s)}, \quad (1.8)$$

it is natural to consider the integrals of  $\log \Gamma(\alpha+t)$  or of multiple gamma functions  $\Gamma_r$  (cf., e.g., [4, 5]). Barnes' theorem [6, page 283] reads

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a \log \Gamma(\alpha+t) dt &= -\log \frac{G(\alpha+a)}{G(\alpha)} - (1-\alpha) \log \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \\ &+ a \log \Gamma(\alpha+a) - \frac{1}{2}a^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi + 1 - 2\alpha)a \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

valid for nonintegral values of  $a$ .

In this paper, motivated by the above, we proceed in another direction to developing some generalizations of the above integrals considered by Srivastava and Choi [7]. For  $q$ -analogues of the results, compare the recent book of the same authors [8]. Our main result is Theorem 2.1 which gives a closed form for  $\int_0^a \log \Gamma(1-t) dt$  and locates its genesis. A slight modification of Theorem 2.1 gives the counterpart of Barnes' formula (1.9) which reads.

**Corollary 1.1.** *Except for integral values of  $a$ , one has*

$$\int_0^a \log \Gamma(\alpha - t) dt = \log \frac{G(\alpha - a)}{G(\alpha)} + (1 - \alpha) \log \frac{\Gamma(\alpha - a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + a \log \Gamma(\alpha - a) + \frac{1}{2} a^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\log 2\pi + 1 - 2\alpha) a. \quad (1.10)$$

Srivastava and Choi introduced two functions  $\log A_{1/a}$  and  $\log C_{1/a}$  by (2.9) and (2.9) with formal replacement of  $1/a$  by  $-1/a$ , respectively. They state  $C_{1/a} = A_{-1/a}$ , which is rather ambiguous as to how we interpret the meaning because (2.9) is defined for  $a > 0$  [7, page 347, l.11]. They use this  $C_{1/a}$  function to express the integral  $\int_0^a \log \Gamma(1-t) dt$ , without giving proof. This being the case, it may be of interest to locate the integral of  $\log \Gamma(1-t)$  [7, (13), page 349], thereby  $\log C_{1/a}$  [7, page 347].

For this purpose we use a more fundamental function  $A(a)$  than  $A_{1/a}$  defined by

$$\log A(a) = -\zeta'(-1, a) + \frac{1}{12}, \quad (1.11)$$

where  $\zeta(s, a)$  is the Hurwitz zeta-function

$$\zeta(s, a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+a)^s}, \quad \text{Re } s = \sigma > 1 \quad (1.12)$$

in the first instance. For its theory, compare, for instance, [3], [9, Chapter 3].

We shall prove the following corollary which gives the right interpretation of the function  $C_{1/a}$ .

**Corollary 1.2.** *For  $0 < a < 1$ ,*

$$\log C_{1/a} = \log A(1-a) - \frac{1}{4} a^2, \quad (1.13)$$

or

$$\log C_{1/a} = \log A_{1-1/a} + \frac{1}{4} (1-a)^2 + (1-a) \log(1-a) - \frac{1}{4} a^2. \quad (1.14)$$

## 2. Barnes Formula

There is a generalization of (1.4) as well as (1.2) in the form [7, equation (28), page 31]:

$$\int_0^a \log \sin \pi t \, dt = a \log \frac{\sin \pi a}{2\pi} + \log \frac{G(1+a)}{G(1-a)}, \quad a \notin \mathbb{Z}. \quad (2.1)$$

Equation (2.1) is Barnes' formula [6, page 279] which is equivalent to Kinkelin's 1860 result [10] [7, equation (26), page 30]:

$$\int_0^z \pi t \cot \pi t \, dt = \log \frac{G(1-z)}{G(1+z)} + z \log 2\pi. \quad (2.2)$$

Since (1.5) is equivalent to

$$G(z+1) = G(z)\Gamma(z), \quad (2.3)$$

it follows that

$$\int_0^a \log \sin \pi t \, dt = a \log \frac{\sin \pi a}{2\pi} + \log \frac{G(a)}{G(1-a)} + \log \Gamma(a). \quad (2.4)$$

Putting  $a = 1/2$ , we obtain

$$\pi^{-1} \int_0^{\pi/2} \log \sin x \, dx = \int_0^{1/2} \log \sin \pi t \, dt = -\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + \log \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \log 2, \quad (2.5)$$

which is (1.2).

The counterpart of (2.1) follows from the reciprocity relation (1.8), known as Alexeievsky's Theorem [7, equation (42), page 32].

$$\int_0^a \log \Gamma(1+t) \, dt = \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi - 1)a - \frac{a^2}{2} + a \log \Gamma(a+1) - \log G(a+1), \quad (2.6)$$

which in turn is a special case of (1.9).

Indeed, in [7, page 207], only (1.9) and the integral of  $\log G(t+\alpha)$  are in closed form and the integral of  $\log \Gamma_3(t+\alpha)$  is not. A general formula is given by Barnes [4] with constants to be worked out. We shall state a concrete form for this integral in Section 3, using the relation [7, equation (455), page 210] between  $\log \Gamma_3(t+\alpha)$  and the integral of  $\psi$  and appealing to a closed form for the latter in [11].

Formula (2.6) is stated in the following form [7, equation (12), page 349]:

$$\int_0^a \log \Gamma(1+t) \, dt = \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi - 1)a - \frac{3}{4}a^2 + \log A - \log A_{1/a}, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $\log A$  is the Glaisher-Kinkelin constant defined by [7, equation (2), page 25]

$$\log A = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N n \log n - \frac{1}{2} (N^2 + N + B_2) \log N + \frac{1}{4} N^2 \right), \tag{2.8}$$

and  $\log A_{1/a}$  is defined by [7, equation (9), page 347]

$$\begin{aligned} \log A_{1/a} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} & \left( \sum_{n=1}^N (n+a) \log(n+a) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{2} (N^2 + (2a+1)N + a^2 + a + B_2) \log(N+a) + \frac{1}{4} N^2 + \frac{a}{2} N \right), \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

for  $a > 0$ .

Comparing (2.6) and (2.7), we immediately obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \log A_{1/a} &= \log G(a+1) - a \log \Gamma(a+1) + \log A - \frac{a^2}{4} \\ &= \log G(a) + (1-a) \log \Gamma(a) + \log a - \frac{a^2}{4} - a \log a, \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

on using the difference relation  $\Gamma(a+1) = a\Gamma(a)$ .

Thus, in a sense we have located the genesis of the function  $\log A_{1/a}$ , although they prove (2.7) by an elementary method [7, page 348].

Indeed,  $A_{1/a}$  and  $A(a)$  are almost the same:

$$\log A_{1/a} = \log A(a) - \frac{1}{4} a^2 - a \log a, \tag{2.11}$$

a proof being given below. However,  $\log A(a)$  is more directly connected with  $\zeta'(-1, a)$  for which we have rich resources of information as given in [9, Chapter 3].

We prove the following theorem which gives a closed form for  $\int_0^a \log \Gamma(1-t) dt$ , thereby giving the genesis of the constant  $C_{1/a}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *For  $a \notin \mathbb{Z}$ , one has*

$$\int_0^a \log \Gamma(1-t) dt = \log G(1-a) + a \log \Gamma(1-a) + \frac{1}{2} a^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\log 2\pi - 1) a. \tag{2.12}$$

If  $0 < a < 1$ , then

$$\int_0^a \log \Gamma(1-t) dt = \log A(1-a) - \log A + \frac{1}{2} a^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\log 2\pi - 1) a. \tag{2.13}$$

*Proof.* We evaluate the integral

$$I = \int_0^a \log \Gamma(1+t) \sin \pi t \, dt \quad (2.14)$$

in two ways. First,

$$I = a \log \pi + a \log a - a - \int_0^a \log \Gamma(1-t) \, dt. \quad (2.15)$$

On the other hand, noting that  $I$  is the sum of (2.1) and (2.7), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} I &= a \log \frac{\sin \pi a}{2\pi} + \log G(a+1) + \log A - \log G(1-a) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi - 1)a - \frac{3}{4}a^2 - \log A_{1/a}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Substituting (1.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I &= a \log \frac{\sin \pi a}{2\pi} + a \log \Gamma(a) + \log A(a) - \log A_{1/a} \\ &\quad - \log G(1-a) + \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi - 1)a - \frac{3}{4}a^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

The first two terms on the right of (2.17) become

$$a \log \frac{\Gamma(a) \sin \pi a}{2\pi} = a \log \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(1-a) = -a(\log 2 + \log \Gamma(1-a)), \quad (2.18)$$

while the 3rd and the 4th terms give, in view of (2.11),  $(1/4)a^2 + a \log a$ .

Hence, altogether

$$I = -a \log 2 - a \log \Gamma(1-a) - \log G(1-a) + a \log a - \frac{1}{2}a^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi - 1)a. \quad (2.19)$$

Comparing (2.15) and (2.19) proves (2.12), completing the proof.  $\square$

Comparing (2.13) and [7, equation (13), page 349]

$$\int_0^a \log \Gamma(1-t) \, dt = \log A(1-a) - \log A + \frac{3}{4}a^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi - 1)a, \quad (2.20)$$

we prove Corollary 1.2.

Hence the relation between  $C_{1/a}$  and  $A_{1/a}$  is (1.14), that is, one between  $C_{1/a}$  and  $A_{1-1/a}$  rather than  $C_{1/a} = A_{-1/a}$  as Srivastava and Choi state.

At this point we shall dwell on the underlying integral representation for (the derivative of) the Hurwitz zeta-function, which makes the argument rather simple and lucid as in [12] and gives some consequences.

*Proof of (2.11).* Consider that

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta'(s, a) - \frac{1}{12} &= -\frac{1}{2}a^2 \log a - \frac{1}{4}a^2 - \frac{1}{2}a \log a \\ &\quad - \frac{B_2}{2} \log a - \frac{1}{3!} \int_0^\infty \bar{B}_3(t)(t+a)^{-2} dt \end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

[9, (3.15), page 59], where the last integral may be also expressed as

$$-\frac{1}{2!} \int_0^\infty \bar{B}_2(t)(t+a)^{-1} dt, \tag{2.22}$$

and where  $\bar{B}_k(t)$  is the  $k$ th periodic Bernoulli polynomial. Then

$$\begin{aligned} -\zeta'(-1, a) &= \sum_{0 \leq n \leq x} (n+a) \log(n+a) - \frac{1}{2}(x+a)^2 \log(x+a) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4}(x+a)^2 + \bar{B}_1(x)(x+a) - \frac{1}{2}\bar{B}_2(x)(x+a) + O(x^{-1} \log x); \end{aligned} \tag{2.23}$$

whence in particular, we have the generic formula for  $\zeta'(-1, a)$  and consequently for  $\log A(a)$  through (1.11):

$$\begin{aligned} \log A(a) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=0}^\infty (n+a) \log(n+a) - \frac{1}{2} \log(N+a) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left( (N+a)^2 + N+a+B_2 \right) + \frac{1}{4}(N+a)^2 \right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.24}$$

This may be slightly modified in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \log A(a) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=0}^N (n+a) \log(n+a) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \left( N^2 + (2a+1)N + a^2 + a + B_2 \right) \log(N+a) + \frac{1}{4}N^2 + \frac{1}{2}aN \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4}a^2 + a \log a. \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

Comparing (2.9) and (2.25), we verify (2.11). □

The merit of using  $A(a)$  is that by way of  $\zeta'(-1, a)$ , we have a closed form for it:

$$\begin{aligned} \log A(a) &= \frac{1}{2}a^2 \log a - \frac{1}{4}a^2 + \frac{1}{2}a \log a + \frac{B_2}{2} \log a \\ &+ \frac{1}{2!} \int_0^\infty \bar{B}_2(t)(t+a)^{-1} dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

In the same way, via another important relation [7, equation (23), page 94],

$$\log G(a) = -\left(\zeta'(-1, a) - \frac{1}{12}\right) - \log A - (1-a) \log \Gamma(a). \quad (2.27)$$

Equation (2.21) gives a closed form for  $\log G(a)$ , too. We also have from (1.11) and (2.27)

$$\begin{aligned} \log A(a) &= \log G(a) + (1-a) \log \Gamma(a) + \log A \\ &= \log G(a+1) - a \log \Gamma(a) + \log A. \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

There are some known expressions not so handy as given by (2.27). For example, [7, page 25] and [7, equation (440), page 206], one of which reads

$$\frac{G'}{G}(1+z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n}{z+n} - 1 + \frac{z}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{2}(\log 2\pi - 1) - (1+\gamma)z, \quad (2.29)$$

with  $\gamma$  designating the Euler constant. Equation (2.29) is a basis of (2.2) (cf. proof of [2, Lemma 1]).

*Remark 2.2.* The Glaisher-Kinkelin constant  $A$  is connected with  $A(1)$  and  $A_1$  as follows:

$$\log A = \log A(1) = \log A_1 + \frac{1}{4}. \quad (2.30)$$

This can also be seen from Vardi's formula [7, (31), page 97]:

$$\log A = -\zeta'(-1) + \frac{1}{12}, \quad (2.31)$$

which is (1.11) with  $a = 1$ .

We may also give another direct proof of Corollary 1.2.

*Proof of Corollary 1.2 (another proof).*  $\log C_{1/a}$  is the limit of the expression

$$\begin{aligned} S_N &= \sum_{k=1}^N (k-1+\alpha) \log(k-1+\alpha) - \left( \frac{1}{2}N^2 + \left( \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right)N + \frac{1}{2}B_2(\alpha) \right) \\ &\times \log(N-1+\alpha) + \frac{1}{4}N^2 + \frac{N}{2}(\alpha-1), \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$



where  $\alpha = 1 - a$ . Let  $N = M + 1$ . Then

$$S_N = \sum_{k=0}^M (k + \alpha) \log(k + \alpha) - \left( \frac{1}{2}(M + 1)^2 + \left( \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right)(M + 1) + \frac{1}{2}B_2(\alpha) \right) \\ \times \log(M + \alpha) + \frac{1}{4}(M + 1)^2 + \frac{M + 1}{2}\alpha - \frac{M + 1}{2}. \quad (2.33)$$

Hence, simplifying, we find that

$$S_N = \sum_{k=1}^M (k + \alpha) \log(k + \alpha) - \left( \frac{1}{2}M^2 + \left( \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \right)M + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 + \alpha + B_2) \right) \\ \times \log(M + \alpha) + \frac{1}{4}M^2 + \frac{1}{2}\alpha M + \alpha \log \alpha - \frac{(\alpha - 1)^2}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\alpha^2. \quad (2.34)$$

Hence

$$\log C_{1/a} = \log A_\alpha + \alpha \log \alpha - \frac{(\alpha - 1)^2}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\alpha^2, \quad (2.35)$$

which is (1.14). This completes the proof.  $\square$

As an immediate consequence of Corollary 1.2, we prove (2.36) as can be found in [7, pages 350–351].

$$A_{1/a} = \left( \frac{\pi a}{\sin \pi a} \right)^{-a} \frac{G(1 + a)}{G(1 - a)} C_{1/a}, \quad 0 < a < 1. \quad (2.36)$$

*Proof of (2.36).* From (2.28), (1.5), and (1.8), we obtain

$$\log A(a) - \log A(1 - a) = \log \frac{G(1 + a)}{G(1 - a)} - a \log \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi a}. \quad (2.37)$$

On the other hand, by (2.11) and (1.13), we see that the left-hand side of (2.37) is

$$\log \frac{A_{1/a}}{C_{1/a}} + a \log a, \quad (2.38)$$

whence we conclude that

$$\log \frac{A_{1/a}}{C_{1/a}} = \log \frac{G(1 + a)}{G(1 - a)} - a \log \frac{\pi a}{\sin \pi a}. \quad (2.39)$$

On exponentiating, (2.37) leads to (2.36).  $\square$

### 3. Polygamma Function of Negative Order

In this section we introduce the function  $\tilde{A}_k(q)$  [13]:

$$\tilde{A}_k(q) = k\zeta'(1-k, q), \quad (3.1)$$

which is closely related to the polygamma function of negative order and states some simple applications. We recall some properties of  $\tilde{A}_k(q)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}_2(q+1) &= \tilde{A}_2(q) + 2q \log q, \\ \tilde{A}_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= -\zeta'(-1) - \frac{1}{12} \log 2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) &= -\frac{1}{4}\zeta'(-1) + \frac{G}{2\pi}, \\ \tilde{A}_2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) &= -\frac{1}{2}\zeta'(-1) - \tilde{A}_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Equation (3.3) is [2, equation (2.31)], which is used in proving [2, Theorem 2] and can be read off from the distribution property [9, equation (3.72), page 76] as follows:

$$\sum_{a=1}^4 \zeta\left(s, \frac{a}{4}\right) = 4^s \zeta(s). \quad (3.4)$$

Differentiation gives

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 \zeta'\left(s, \frac{a}{4}\right) = 4^s ((\log 4)\zeta(s) + \zeta'(s)). \quad (3.5)$$

Putting  $s = -1$ , we obtain

$$\zeta'(-1) + \zeta'\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}\right) + \zeta'\left(-1, \frac{1}{4}\right) + \zeta'\left(-1, \frac{3}{4}\right) = 4^{-1}((\log 4)\zeta(-1) + \zeta'(-1)), \quad (3.6)$$

which we solve in  $\zeta'(-1, 3/4)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta'\left(-1, \frac{3}{4}\right) &= \frac{1}{4}((2 \log 2)\zeta(-1) + \zeta'(-1)) \\ &\quad - \zeta'(-1) - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{A}_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \zeta'\left(-1, \frac{1}{4}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Substituting (3.2) and  $\zeta(-1) = -B_2/2 = -1/12$  and simplifying, we conclude that

$$\zeta' \left( -1, \frac{3}{4} \right) = -\frac{1}{4} \zeta'(-1) - \zeta' \left( -1, \frac{1}{4} \right) \quad (3.8)$$

and that

$$\tilde{A}_2 \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) = 2\zeta' \left( -1, \frac{3}{4} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \zeta'(-1) - 2\zeta' \left( -1, \frac{1}{4} \right), \quad (3.9)$$

whence (3.3).

Using these, we deduce from (2.37) the following.

*Example 3.1.*

$$\log A_{1/4} = \frac{5}{64} + \frac{1}{2} \log 2 - \frac{1}{8} \log A - \frac{G}{2\pi}. \quad (3.10)$$

*Proof.* By (1.11) and (3.1), for  $q > 0$ ,

$$\log A(q) = -\frac{1}{2} \tilde{A}_2(q) + \frac{1}{12}. \quad (3.11)$$

Since  $\log A(1/4) - \log A(3/4) = -1/2(\tilde{A}_2(1/4) - \tilde{A}_2(3/4))$ , it follows from (3.3) that the left-hand side of (2.37) is

$$-\tilde{A}_2 \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \zeta'(-1), \quad (3.12)$$

which is

$$2 \log A \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} \left( \log A - \frac{1}{12} \right) \quad (3.13)$$

where we used (2.31).

The right-hand side of (2.37),  $\log(G(5/4)/G(3/4)) - 1/4 \log(\pi / \sin(\pi/4))$ , becomes  $-(G/2\pi)$ , in view of known values of  $G$  [7, page 30].

Hence, altogether, (2.37) with  $a = 1/4$  reads

$$-\frac{G}{2\pi} = 2 \log A \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \log A - \frac{3}{16}. \quad (3.14)$$

Invoking (2.11), this becomes (3.10).  $\square$

We note that (3.14) gives a proof of the third equality in (3.2). Both (2.36) and (3.10) are contained in [14, 1999a] and are given as exercises in [7].

#### 4. The Triple Gamma Function

For general material, we refer to [7, page 42]. As can be seen on [7, page 207], the important integral  $\int_0^z \log \Gamma_3(t+a) dt$  is not in closed form. Recently, Chakraborty-Kanemitsu-Kuzumaki [5, Corollary 1.1] have given a general expressions for all the integrals in  $\log \Gamma_r$ , by appealing to Barnes' original results.

In this section, we shall give a direct derivation of a closed form by combining [7, (455), page 210] and [11, Corollary 3] (with  $\lambda = 3$ ). The first reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 \int_0^z \log \Gamma_3(t+a) dt &= - \int_0^z t^3 \psi(t+a) dt + 2z \log \Gamma_3(z+a) \\
 &\quad - 2(2a-3) \frac{\log \Gamma_3(z+a)}{\log \Gamma_3(a)} + (3a^2 - 9a + 7) \frac{\log G(z+a)}{\log G(a)} \\
 &\quad - (a-1)^3 \frac{\log \Gamma(z+a)}{\log \Gamma(a)} + \frac{3}{8} z^4 + \frac{1}{3} (1 - \log 2\pi) z^3 \\
 &\quad + \left( -\frac{3}{4} a^2 + \frac{7}{4} a - \frac{9}{8} + \frac{1}{4} (2a-3) \log 2\pi + \log A \right) z^2, \\
 &\quad + \left( a^2 - \frac{3}{2} a + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} (a-2-3a+2) \log 2\pi + 2(3-2a) \log A \right) z,
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

while the second reads (cf. also [15])

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^z t^3 \log \psi(t+a) dt &= - \sum_{r=0}^3 C_3(r, a) \log \frac{\Gamma_{r+1}(a+z)}{\Gamma_{r+1}(a)} \\
 &\quad - \sum_{l=1}^3 (-1)^l \left( \binom{3}{l} \zeta'(l-3) + \frac{B_{4-l}(a)}{l(4-l)} \right) z^l + \frac{11}{24} z^4,
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

where  $C_3(r, a)$  are defined by

$$C_3(r, a) = (-1)^r r! \sum_{m=r}^3 \binom{3}{m} (-1)^m S(m, n) (a-1)^{3-m} \tag{4.3}$$

and where  $S(m, n)$  are the Stirling numbers of the second kind [7, page 58]. To express the values of  $\zeta'(l-3)$ , we appeal to [7]

(i)  $\zeta'(0) = -(1/2) \log 2\pi$  [7, (20), page 92],

(ii)  $\zeta'(-2) = \log B = \zeta(3)/4\pi^2$  [7, pages 99-100]

and (2.31). After some elementary but long calculations, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^z t^3 \log \psi(t+a) dt &= -3! \log \frac{\Gamma_4(a+z)}{\Gamma_4(a)} - 6(a-2) \log \frac{\Gamma_3(a+z)}{\Gamma_3(a)} \\ &\quad - (3a^2 - 9a + 7) \log \frac{\Gamma_2(a+z)}{\Gamma_2(a)} - (a-1)^3 \log \frac{\Gamma(a+z)}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{11}{24} z^4 \\ &\quad + \left( -\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi + \frac{1}{3} B_1(a) \right) z^3 - \left( \frac{1}{4} - 3 \log A + \frac{1}{4} B_2(a) \right) z^2 \\ &\quad + 3 \left( \log B + \frac{1}{3} B_3(a) \right) z. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Combining we have the following.

**Theorem 4.1** (see [5, Example 2.3]). *Except for the singularities of the multiple gamma function, one has*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^z \log \Gamma_3(t+a) dt &= 3 \log \frac{\Gamma_4(a+z)}{\Gamma_4(a)} + z \log \Gamma_3(z+a) \\ &\quad + (a-3) \log \frac{\Gamma_3(a+z)}{\Gamma_3(a)} - \frac{1}{24} z^4 - \frac{1}{6} \left( a - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi \right) z^3 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8} \left( -2a^2 + 6a - \frac{10}{3} + (2a-3) \log 2\pi - 8 \log A \right) z^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left( a^3 - \frac{5}{2} a^2 + 2a - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} (a^2 - 3a + 2) \log 2\pi \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2(2a-3) \log A + 3 \log B \right) z. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

This theorem enables us to put many formulas in [7] in closed form including, for instance, [7, (698), page 245]. Compare [5].

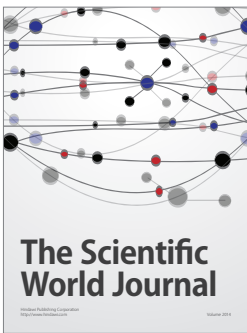
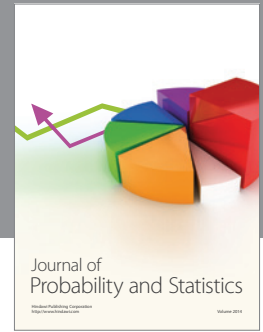
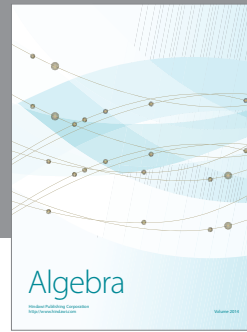
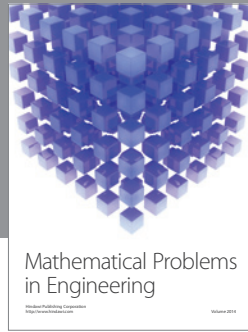
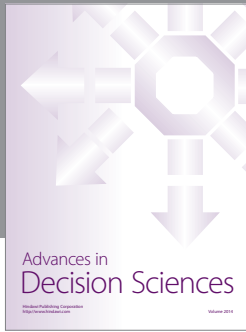
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