

## E.W.BARNES' APPROACH OF THE MULTIPLE GAMMA FUNCTIONS

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In this paper we provide a new proof of multiplication formulas for the simple and double gamma functions and also give some related asymptotic expansions.

### 1. E.W.Barnes' definition of multiple gamma functions

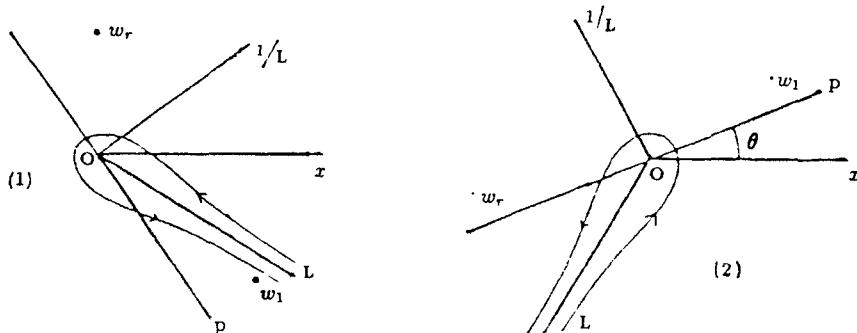
In [3] E. W. Barnes introduces the multiple Hurwitz  $\zeta$ -function, for  $\operatorname{Re} s > r$ ,

$$\zeta_r(s, a|w_1, \dots, w_r) = \sum_{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(a + \Omega)^s}$$

where  $\Omega = m_1 w_1 + m_2 w_2 + \dots + m_r w_r$  and also represents the  $r$ -ple Hurwitz  $\zeta$ -function by the contour integral

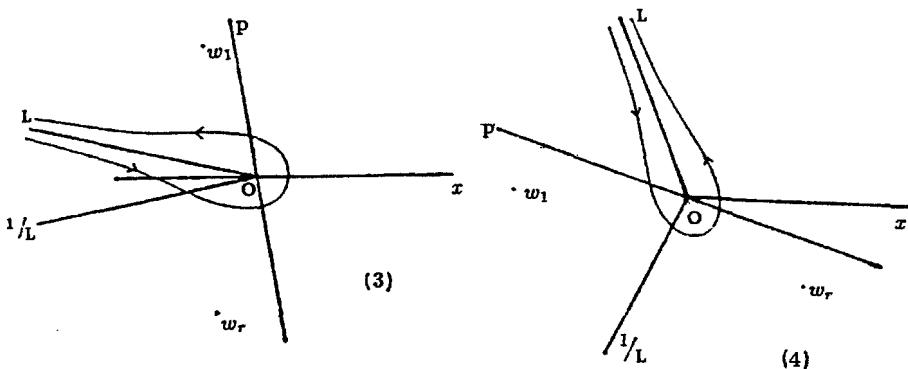
$$\zeta_r(s, a|w_1, w_2, \dots, w_r) = \frac{i\Gamma(1-s)}{2\pi} \int_L \frac{e^{-az}(-z)^{s-1}}{\prod_{k=1}^r (1 - e^{-w_k z})} dz$$

where the conditions for  $a$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_r$  are described in [3] and the possible contour  $L$  is given by




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For our purpose we restrict these when  $w_k = 1$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and the contour  $C$  is the same as Fig. I in [4]. That is to say,  $a > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} s > n$ ,

$$\zeta_n(s, a) = \sum_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n=0}^{\infty} (a + k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n)^{-s}.$$

Then  $\zeta_n(s, a)$  can be continued to a meromorphic function with poles  $s = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $a > 0$ , for by the contour integral representation

$$\zeta_n(s, a) = \frac{i\Gamma(1-s)}{2\pi} \int_c \frac{e^{-az}(-z)^{s-1}}{(1-e^{-z})^n} dz$$

the integral is valid for  $a > 0$  and all  $s$ , so  $\zeta_n(s, a)$  has possible poles only at the poles of  $\Gamma(1-s)$ , i.e.,  $s = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . But by the series definition  $\zeta_n(s, a)$  is holomorphic for  $\operatorname{Re} s > n$  [4]. In particular, when  $n = 1$ ,

$$\zeta_1(s, a) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (a+k)^{-s} = \zeta(s, a)$$

is the well-known Hurwitz  $\zeta$ -function, which can be continued to a meromorphic function with only simple pole at  $s = 1$  having its residue 1, by the contour integral representation [1], [4], [9].

Now we summarize some known propositions.

**PROPOSITION 1.1.** [7]. *Let  $\zeta(s, a) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+a)^{-s}$  be the Hurwitz*

$\zeta$ -function, where  $a > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$ , then we have

$$\Gamma(a) = \frac{e^{\zeta'(0,a)}}{R_1}, \quad \text{where } R_1 \text{ is a constant and}$$

$$\zeta'(s, a) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta(s, a).$$

*Proof.* As above, by the contour integral representation of  $\zeta(s, a)$ ,  $\zeta(s, a)$  is analytically continued for all  $s \neq 1$ , ( $a > 0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(s, a+1) &= \zeta(s, a) - a^{-s}, \\ \zeta'(s, a+1) &= \zeta'(s+a) + a^{-s} \log a, \\ \zeta'(0, a+1) &= \zeta'(0, a) + \log a.\end{aligned}$$

Letting  $G_1(a) = e^{\zeta'(0,a)}$ , we have  $G_1(a+1) = aG_1(a)$ ,  $a > 0$ , and

$$\frac{d^2}{da^2} \log G_1(a) = \frac{d^2}{da^2} \frac{d}{ds} \zeta(s, a) \Big|_{s=0}.$$

Any by the analytic continuation of  $\zeta(s, a)$  one sees that  $G_1(a)$  is  $C^\infty$  on  $\mathbf{R}^+$ . So by the Bohr-Mollerup Theorem

$$G_1(a) = \Gamma(a)R_1, \quad R_1 \text{ constant.}$$

Note that  $R_1 = e^{\zeta'(0)}$  since  $\zeta(s, 1) = \zeta(s)$  and so

$$R_1 = G_1(1) = e^{\zeta'(0,1)}.$$

Now define

$$G_n(a) = e^{\zeta'_n(0,a)}, \quad \text{where } \zeta'_n(s, a) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta_n(s, a).$$

The basic properties of  $G_n(a)$  are now given by the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 1.2.** [7].

- (a)  $G_{n+1}(a+1) = \frac{G_{n+1}(a)}{G_n(a)}$ .
- (b)  $G_n(a)$  can be continued a meromorphic function on  $C$  with poles at the negative integers and a simple pole at zero.
- (c) Let  $R_n = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} aG_n(a)$ , then  $G_n(1) = R_n/R_{n-1}$ , where  $R_0 = 1$ .

In particular, when  $n = 2$ ,

**COROLLARY 1.3.**

- (a)  $G_2(a+1) = G_2(a)/G_1(a)$ .
- (b)  $G_2(a)$  can be continued to a meromorphic function on  $C$  with poles at the negative integers and a simple pole at zero.

Now we can get the relationship between multiple gamma functions and multiple Hurwitz  $\zeta$ -functions.

**PROPOSITION 1.4.** [7].

$$\Gamma_n(a) = \left( \prod_{m=1}^n R_{n-m+1}^{(-1)^m \binom{a}{m-1}} \right) G_n(a).$$

*Proof.* See [4] and [7].

In particular, when  $n = 2$ .

**COROLLARY 1.5.**

$$\Gamma_2(a) = (R_2^{-1} R_1^a) G_2(a)$$

where  $R_2 = e^{\zeta'(0)} e^{\zeta'_2(0,1)} = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} aG_2(a)$ .

## 2. Multiplication formulas for $\Gamma$ and $\Gamma_2$

In this section we provide other proofs of multiplication formulas for the simple and double gamma functions.

## THEOREM 2.1.

$$\prod_{l=0}^{m-1} \Gamma(ka + \frac{kl}{m}) = (2\pi)^{1/2m-1/2k} (\frac{k}{m})^{mak+1/2(mk-m-k)} \prod_{n=0}^{k-1} \Gamma(ma + \frac{mn}{k}),$$

$k, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

*Proof.* Note that  $\{i = 0, 1, 2, \dots\} = \{kj + n, 0 \leq n \leq k - 1, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \zeta(s, ka + \frac{kl}{m}) &= \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (ka + \frac{kl}{m} + i)^{-s} \\ &= (\frac{m}{k})^s \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{(ma + l + \frac{m}{k}i)^s} \\ &= (\frac{m}{k})^s \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{(ma + l + \frac{m}{k}(kj + n))^s} \\ &= (\frac{m}{k})^s \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{(ma + \frac{mn}{k} + mj + l)^s} \\ &= (\frac{m}{k})^s \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(ma + \frac{mn}{k} + j)^s} \\ &= (\frac{m}{k})^s \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \zeta(s, ma + \frac{mn}{k}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \zeta(s, ka + \frac{kl}{m}) = (\frac{m}{k})^s \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \zeta(s, ma + \frac{mn}{k}).$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \zeta'(s, ka + \frac{kl}{m}) \\ = (\frac{m}{k})^s \log(\frac{m}{k}) \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \zeta(s, ma + \frac{mn}{k}) + (\frac{m}{k})^s \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \zeta'(s, ma + \frac{mn}{k}), \end{aligned}$$

where the accent' denotes the differentiation with respect to  $s$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \zeta'(0, ka + \frac{kl}{m}) &= \log\left(\frac{m}{k}\right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \zeta(0, ma + \frac{mn}{k}) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \zeta'(0, ma + \frac{mn}{k}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\zeta(0, a) = \frac{1}{2} - a$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \zeta(0, ma + \frac{mn}{k}) &= \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} (1/2 - ma - \frac{mn}{k}) \\ &= (1/2 - ma)k - \frac{m}{2}(k-1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\prod_{l=0}^{m-1} e^{\zeta'(0, ka + \frac{kl}{m})} = \left(\frac{m}{k}\right)^{(1/2 - ma)k - \frac{m}{2}(k-1)} \prod_{n=0}^{k-1} e^{\zeta'(0, ma + \frac{mn}{k})}.$$

By Proposition 1.1,  $e^{\zeta'(0, a)} = e^{\zeta'(0)} \Gamma(a)$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{m\zeta'(0)} \prod_{l=0}^{m-1} \Gamma(ma + \frac{kl}{m}) &= \left(\frac{m}{k}\right)^{(1/2 - ma)k - \frac{m}{2}(k-1)} e^{k\zeta'(0)} \prod_{n=0}^{k-1} \Gamma(ma + \frac{mn}{k}), \\ \prod_{l=0}^{m-1} \Gamma(ka + \frac{kl}{m}) &= e^{(k-m)\zeta'(0)} \left(\frac{m}{k}\right)^{(1/2 - ma)k - \frac{m}{2}(k-1)} \prod_{n=0}^{k-1} \Gamma(ma + \frac{mn}{k}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta'(0) &= -1/2 \log(2\pi), \\ e^{(k-m)\zeta'(0)} &= (2\pi)^{1/2(m-k)}, \\ \left(\frac{m}{k}\right)^{(1/2 - ma)k - \frac{m}{2}(k-1)} &= \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^{mak+1/2(mk-m-k)}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

Now we get the classical Gauss' multiplication formula as the special case of Theorem 2.1.

COROLLARY 2.2.

$$\prod_{l=0}^{m-1} \Gamma(a + \frac{1}{m}) = (2\pi)^{1/2m-1/2} m^{1/2-ma} \Gamma(ma), \quad m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

*Proof.* Plug  $k = 1, m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$  in the formula of Theorem 2.1.

Finally we provide another proof of the multiplication formula for  $\Gamma_2$ .

THEOREM 2.3. [2],[4].

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \Gamma_2(x + \frac{i+j}{n}) = K(2\pi)^{-n(n-1)\frac{\pi}{2}} n^{\frac{n^2-1}{2}-nx} \Gamma_2(nx)$$

where

$$K = A^{n^2-1} e^{\frac{1-n^2}{12}} (2\pi)^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}} n^{\frac{5}{12}}.$$

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$$\zeta_2(s, x) = \zeta(s-1, x) + (1-x)\zeta(s, x).$$

In particular,  $\zeta_2(s, 1) = \zeta(s-1)$  and so  $\zeta'_2(0, 1) = \zeta'(-1)$ .

Note that the classical result is (See Chapter 1 in [4])

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(-m, x) &= -\frac{B_{m+1}(x)}{m+1}, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ B_0(x) &= 1, \\ B_1(x) &= x - \frac{1}{2}, \\ B_2(x) &= x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}, \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

*Proof of Lemma.* Note that

$$\zeta_n(s, x) = \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_n=0}^{\infty} (x + k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n)^{-s} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{k+n-1}{n-1}}{(x+k)^s}.$$

This is because the number of solutions of  $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n = k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  is equal to the coefficient of  $x^k$  in the expansion of the Maclaurin series of  $(1 - x)^{-n}$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } \binom{k+n-1}{n-1}.$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta_2(s, x) &= \sum_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} (x + k_1 + k_2)^{-s} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k+1}{(x+k)^s} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+k)}{(x+k)^s} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1-x}{(x+k)^s} \\ &= \zeta(s-1, x) + (1-x)\zeta(s, x).\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have  $\zeta_2(s, x) = \zeta(s-1, x) + (1-x)\zeta(s, x)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.3.* Consider

$$\begin{aligned}&\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \zeta_2(s, x + \frac{i+j}{n}) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} (x + \frac{i+j}{n} + k_1 + k_2)^{-s} \\ &= n^s \sum_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (nx + i + j + nk_1 + nk_2)^{-s} \\ &= n^s \sum_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} (nx + k_1 + k_2)^{-s} \\ &= n^s \zeta_2(s, nx).\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \zeta'_2(s, x + \frac{i+j}{n}) = (\log n) n^s \zeta_2(s, nx) + n^s \zeta'_2(s, nx),$$

where the accent' denotes the differentiation with respect to  $s$ . Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \zeta'_2(0, x + \frac{i+j}{n}) &= (\log n) \zeta_2(0, nx) + \zeta'_2(0, nx). \\ \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{\zeta'_2(0, x + \frac{i+j}{n})} &= n^{\zeta_2(0, nx)} e^{\zeta'_2(0, nx)}. \\ \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} G_2(x + \frac{i+j}{n}) &= n^{\zeta_2(0, nx)} G_2(nx). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $G_2(x) = R_2 R_1^{-a} \Gamma_2(x)$ , by Corollary 1.5.

$$\begin{aligned} R_2^{n^2} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \Gamma_2(x + \frac{i+j}{n}) R_1^{-(x + \frac{i+j}{n})} &= n^{\zeta_2(0, nx)} R_2 R_1^{-nx} \Gamma_2(nx). \\ \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} R_1^{-(x + \frac{i+j}{n})} &= R_1^{-\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (x + \frac{i+j}{n})} \\ &= R_1^{-(n^2 x + n^2 - n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \Gamma_2(x + \frac{i+j}{n}) = F(x, n) \Gamma_2(nx)$$

where  $F(x, n) = n^{\zeta_2(0, nx)} R_2^{1-n^2} R_1^{n^2 x - nx + n^2 - n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= e^{\zeta'(0)} = e^{-1/2 \log(2\pi)} = (2\pi)^{-1/2}. \\ R_2 &= e^{\zeta'(0)} e^{\zeta'_2(0, 1)} = (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{\zeta'_2(-1)} \text{ (Lemma)} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-1/2} A^{-1} e^{\frac{1}{12}} \text{ (see Chapter 2 in [4])}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta_2(0, nx) &= \zeta(-1, nx) + (1 - nx)\zeta(0, nx) \\
&= -1/2n^2x^2 + 1/2nx - \frac{1}{12} + (1 - nx)(1/2 - nx) \\
&= 1/2n^2x^2 - nx + \frac{5}{12}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
F(x, n) &= n^{1/2n^2x^2-nx+\frac{5}{12}}(2\pi)^{-1/2(1-n^2)}A^{n^2-1}e^{\frac{1}{12}(1-n^2)} \\
&\quad \times (2\pi)^{-1/2(n^2x-nx)-1/2(n^2-n)} \\
&= K(2\pi)^{-n(n-1)\frac{x}{2}}n^{\frac{n^2x^2}{2}-nx}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $K = A^{n^2-1}e^{\frac{1-n^2}{12}}(2\pi)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}n^{\frac{5}{12}}$ .

Therefore we have

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \Gamma_2\left(x + \frac{i+j}{n}\right) = K(2\pi)^{-n(n-1)\frac{x}{2}}n^{\frac{n^2x^2}{2}-nx}\Gamma_2(nx).$$

We make  $x = 0$  in the formula just obtained.

#### COROLLARY 2.4.

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1'} \Gamma_2\left(\frac{i+j}{n}\right) = \frac{K}{n}$$

where the accent' denotes that we remove the case  $i = 0, j = 0$ .

*Proof.* Note that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Gamma(nx)}{\Gamma(x)} = \frac{1}{n}.$$

From the first expression on  $\Gamma_2^{-1}(x+1)$ ,

$$\frac{\Gamma(x)}{\Gamma_2(x)} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_2(x+1)} = A(x)$$

where

$$A(x) = (2\pi)^{\frac{x}{2}} e^{-\frac{x(x+1)}{2} - \gamma \frac{x^2}{2}} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \left(1 + \frac{x}{k}\right)^k e^{-x + \frac{x^2}{2k}} \right).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(x) &= A(x)\Gamma_2(x), \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} A(x) = 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} A(nx). \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Gamma_2(nx)}{\Gamma_2(x)} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Gamma(nx)}{A(nx)} \frac{A(x)}{\Gamma(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Gamma(nx)}{\Gamma(x)}. \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x e^{\gamma x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 + \frac{x}{k}) e^{-\frac{x}{k}}}{n x e^{\gamma n x} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 + \frac{nx}{k}) e^{-\frac{nx}{k}}} &= \frac{1}{n}. \\ \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \Gamma_2(x + \frac{i+j}{n}) &= \Gamma_2(x) \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \Gamma_2(x + \frac{i+j}{n}). \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \Gamma_2(x + \frac{i+j}{n}) &= K \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Gamma_2(nx)}{\Gamma_2(x)} = \frac{K}{n}.\end{aligned}$$

### 3. Some related asymptotic expansions

**PROPOSITION 3.1.**

- (a)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta(s, a)|_{s=0} = \log \Gamma(a) - 1/2 \log(2\pi)$
- (b) For real  $a > 0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta(s, a)|_{s=0} = (a - 1/2) \log a - a + \frac{\theta(a)}{12a},$$

where  $0 < \theta(a) < 1$ .

*Proof.*

- (a) We know that  $\Gamma(a) = e^{\zeta'(0,a)}/R_1$ , from Proposition 1.1, where  $R_1 = e^{\zeta'(0)}$ . Thus

$$e^{\zeta'(0,a)} = e^{\zeta'(0)} \Gamma(a) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} \Gamma(a) [4], [5].$$

$$\zeta'(0, a) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta(s, a)|_{s=0} = \log \Gamma(a) - 1/2 \log(2\pi).$$

- (b) It is known [1] that for real  $x > 0$ ,

$$\Gamma(x) = \sqrt{2\pi} x^{x-1/2} e^{-x} e^{\frac{\theta(x)}{12x}} \quad \text{with } 0 < \theta(x) < 1.$$

Then  $\log \Gamma(a) = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) + (a - \frac{1}{2}) \log a - a + \frac{\theta(a)}{12a}$ .

Therefore, as in (a),

$$\zeta'(0, a) = (a - 1/2) \log a - a + \frac{\theta(a)}{12a},$$

for real  $a > 0$ , where  $0 < \theta(a) < 1$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.2.**

$$(a) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta_2(s, x)|_{s=0} = \log \Gamma_2(x) + 1/2(x - 1) \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{12} - \log A$$

where  $A$  is the Kinkelin's constant.

(b) For real  $x > 0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta_2(s, x)|_{s=0} = \frac{3x^2}{4} - x - \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - x + \frac{5}{12}\right) \log x + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), \quad x \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Proof.* (a) We know that

$$\Gamma_2(x) = (R_2^{-1} R_1^x) e^{\zeta'(0, x)},$$

where  $R_1 = e^{\zeta'(0)}$ ,  $R_2 = e^{\zeta'(0)} e^{\zeta'_2(0, 1)}$ , Corollary 1.5.

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta'_2(0, x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \zeta_2(s, x)|_{s=0} \\ &= \log \Gamma_2(x) + (\log R_2 - x \log R_1) \\ &= \log \Gamma_2(x) + (1 - x)\zeta'(0) + \zeta'_2(0, 1) \\ &= \log \Gamma_2(x) + 1/2(x - 1) \log(2\pi) + \zeta'(-1), \end{aligned}$$

since  $\zeta'_2(0, 1) = \zeta'(-1)$ ,  $\zeta'(0) = -1/2 \log(2\pi)$ .

$$\zeta'_2(0, x) = \log \Gamma_2(x) + 1/2(x - 1) \log(2\pi) + 1/12 - \log A$$

since

$$A = e^{1/12} - \zeta'(-1) \text{ and so } \zeta'(-1) = 1/12 - \log A.$$

(b) From Stirling's formula, for real  $x > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\log \Gamma_2(x+1)^{-1} &= \frac{x}{2} \log 2\pi - \log A + \frac{1}{12} - \frac{3x^2}{4} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{12}\right) \log x + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), \quad x \rightarrow \infty.\end{aligned}$$

We know that  $\Gamma_2^{-1}(x+1) = \Gamma_2^{-1}(x)\Gamma(x)$ .

Thus  $\log \Gamma_2^{-1}(x) = \log \Gamma_2^{-1}(x+1) - \log \Gamma(x)$ .

In the course of proof of (b), Proposition 3.1.

$$\log \Gamma(x) = 1/2 \log(2\pi) + (x - 1/2) \log x - x + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), \quad x \rightarrow \infty, \quad x > 0.$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}\log \Gamma_2^{-1}(x) &= \left(\frac{x}{2} - 1/2\right) \log(2\pi) + \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - x + \frac{5}{12}\right) \log x \\ &\quad - \frac{3}{4}x^2 + x - \log A + \frac{1}{12} + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), \quad x \rightarrow \infty.\end{aligned}$$

From (a),

$$\partial/\partial s \zeta_2(s, x)|_{s=0} = \frac{3}{4}x^2 - x - \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - x + \frac{5}{12}\right) \log x + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), \quad x \rightarrow \infty.$$

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