

# A novel approach to the discovery of ternary BBP-type formulas for polylogarithm constants\*

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## Abstract

Using a clear and straightforward approach, we prove new ternary (base 3) digit extraction BBP-type formulas for polylogarithm constants. Some known results are also rediscovered in a more direct and elegant manner. A previously unproved degree 4 ternary formula is also proved. Finally, a couple of ternary zero relations are established, which prove two known but hitherto unproved formulas.

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## 1 Introduction

BBP-type formulas are formulas of the form

$$\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1/b^k \sum_{j=1}^n a_j / (kn + j)^s$$

where  $s$ ,  $b$ ,  $n$  and  $a_j$  are integers, and  $\alpha$  is some constant. Formulas of this type were first introduced in a 1996 paper [1], where a formula of this type for  $\pi$  was given. Such formulas have the remarkable property that they permit one to calculate base- $b$  digits of the constant  $\alpha$  beginning at an arbitrary starting position, by means of a simple algorithm that requires almost no memory and (depending on how many digits are required) without the need for multiple-precision arithmetic software [2]. Such formulas also have intriguing connections to the age-old problem of understanding why the digits of various transcendental constants appear “normal” – each string of  $m$ -long digits appears, in the limit, with frequency  $1/b^m$  [2, 3, 4, 5].

While many binary BBP-type formulas are now known, only relatively few ternary (base-3) BBP-type formulas have been discovered. This present paper is concerned with the symbolic (that is, non-computer-search-based) discovery of ternary (base-3) BBP-type formulas for polylogarithm constants. The methods used here aim to complement the experimental approaches that have dominated the area. Through fundamental methods, a wide range

of interesting formulas will be obtained. In most cases, the procedure for obtaining the ternary formulas shall consist mainly of evaluating a polylogarithm functional equation at indicated coordinates and noting the following identities for the real and imaginary parts of the polylogarithm function:

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Li}_s [pe^{ix}] &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{p^k \cos kx}{k^s}, \\ \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_s [pe^{ix}] &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{p^k \sin kx}{k^s},\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

for  $p \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . In the above equations, Li is the notation for the polylogarithm function defined by

$$\operatorname{Li}_s[z] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^s}, \quad |z| \leq 1.$$

When  $p = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Li}_{2n}[e^{ix}] &= \operatorname{Gl}_{2n}(x) + i\operatorname{Cl}_{2n}(x) \\ \operatorname{Li}_{2n+1}[e^{ix}] &= \operatorname{Cl}_{2n+1}(x) + i\operatorname{Gl}_{2n+1}(x),\end{aligned}$$

where Gl and Cl are Clausen sums [6] defined, for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Cl}_{2n}(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kx}{k^{2n}}, \quad \operatorname{Cl}_{2n+1}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos kx}{k^{2n+1}} \\ \operatorname{Gl}_{2n}(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos kx}{k^{2n}}, \quad \operatorname{Gl}_{2n+1}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kx}{k^{2n+1}}.\end{aligned}$$

We shall find the following formulas useful:

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Gl}_{2n}(x) &= (-1)^{1+[n/2]} 2^{n-1} \pi^n B_n(x/2\pi)/n! \\ \frac{1}{m^{n-1}} \operatorname{Cl}_n(mx) &= \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \operatorname{Cl}_n(x + 2\pi r/m).\end{aligned}$$

Here  $[n/2]$  denotes the integer part of  $n/2$  and  $B_n$  are the Bernoulli polynomials defined by

$$\frac{te^{xt}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n(x)t^n}{n!}.$$

## 2 Degree 1 Ternary BBP-type Formulas

In reference [7], several degree 1 BBP-type formulas in general bases are proven. In many of the formulas, ternary formulas may be readily obtained by writing the base in each case as a power of 3.

Here we now present a couple of interesting degree 1 ternary formulas.

The following identities are easily verified:

$$\text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 + \frac{i\pi}{6}$$

and

$$\text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 - \ln 2 + \frac{i\pi}{6}.$$

We therefore have the formulas:

$$\ln 2 = \operatorname{Re} \text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] - \operatorname{Re} \text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right], \quad (2.1)$$

$$\ln 3 = 2 \operatorname{Re} \text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\pi = 6 \operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] = 6 \operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right]. \quad (2.3)$$

It is also straightforward to verify that:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln 2 &= \text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] - \text{Li}_1 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \right] \\ \text{and} \\ \ln 3 &= 2 \text{Li}_1 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] - \text{Li}_1 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Based on the above identities, we are now ready to derive explicit BBP-type formulas for  $\ln 2$ ,  $\ln 3$  and  $\pi$ .

## 2.1 Ternary formulas for $\ln 2$

Using the first equality of (1.1), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Li}_1\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left(\frac{i \pi}{6}\right)\right] &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^k \frac{\cos (k \pi / 6)}{k} \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6 k}}\left[\frac{3^6}{12 k+1}+\frac{3^5}{12 k+2}\right. \\ &\quad-\frac{3^4}{12 k+4}-\frac{3^4}{12 k+5}-\frac{2 \cdot 3^3}{12 k+6}-\frac{3^3}{12 k+7} \\ &\quad\left.-\frac{3^2}{12 k+8}+\frac{3}{12 k+10}+\frac{3}{12 k+11}+\frac{2}{12 k+12}\right] \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Li}_1\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left(\frac{i \pi}{2}\right)\right] &= \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6 k}}\left[-\frac{3^5}{12 k+2}+\frac{3^4}{12 k+4}\right. \\ &\quad\left.-\frac{3^3}{12 k+6}+\frac{3^2}{12 k+8}-\frac{3}{12 k+10}+\frac{2}{12 k+12}\right] . \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

Subtracting (2.6) from (2.5) in accordance with (2.1), we obtain the following ternary BBP-type formula for  $\ln 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \ln 2 &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3^5} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6 k}}\left[\frac{3^5}{12 k+1}+\frac{3^5}{12 k+2}\right. \\ &\quad-\frac{3^4}{12 k+4}-\frac{3^3}{12 k+5}-\frac{3^2}{12 k+7}-\frac{3^2}{12 k+8} \\ &\quad\left.+\frac{3}{12 k+10}+\frac{1}{12 k+11}\right] . \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Note that an alternating version of (2.7), using the same scheme, is

$$\ln 2=\frac{1}{18} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\left(-\frac{1}{27}\right)^k\left[\frac{9}{6 k+1}+\frac{9}{6 k+2}-\frac{3}{6 k+4}-\frac{1}{6 k+5}\right].$$

From the first equality of (2.4), we can obtain yet another ternary formula for  $\ln 2$ . We first note that

$$\text{Li}_1\left[\frac{1}{3}\right] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9^k} \left[ \frac{3}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{2k+2} \right] \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$\text{Li}_1\left[-\frac{1}{3}\right] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9^k} \left[ -\frac{3}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{2k+2} \right]. \quad (2.9)$$

Subtracting (2.9) from (2.8) in accordance with the first equality of (2.4), we obtain

$$\ln 2 = \frac{2}{3} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9^k} \left[ \frac{1}{2k+1} \right], \quad (2.10)$$

which is listed in the BBP Compendium as formula (64).

## 2.2 Ternary formulas for $\ln 3$

From (2.5) and (2.2), we obtain the following ternary BBP-type formula for  $\ln 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \ln 3 = & \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^6}{12k+1} + \frac{3^5}{12k+2} \right. \\ & - \frac{3^4}{12k+4} - \frac{3^4}{12k+5} - \frac{2 \cdot 3^3}{12k+6} - \frac{3^3}{12k+7} \\ & \left. - \frac{3^2}{12k+8} + \frac{3}{12k+10} + \frac{3}{12k+11} + \frac{2}{12k+12} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

An alternating version of the above formula is

$$\ln 3 = \frac{1}{27} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{27} \right)^k \left[ \frac{27}{6k+1} + \frac{9}{6k+2} - \frac{3}{6k+4} - \frac{3}{6k+5} - \frac{2}{6k+6} \right].$$

Combining (2.8) and (2.9) according to the second equality of (2.4) we obtain another ternary BBP-type formula for  $\ln 3$  as :

$$\ln 3 = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9^k} \left[ \frac{9}{2k+1} + \frac{1}{2k+2} \right], \quad (2.12)$$

which is Formula (67) of the Compendium.

### 2.3 Ternary formulas for $\pi\sqrt{3}$

From (2.3), we immediately obtain the ternary BBP-type formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\pi\sqrt{3} = & \frac{1}{3^4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^5}{12k+1} + \frac{3^5}{12k+2} + \frac{2 \cdot 3^4}{12k+3} \right. \\ & + \frac{3^4}{12k+4} + \frac{3^3}{12k+5} - \frac{3^2}{12k+7} - \frac{3^2}{12k+8} \\ & \left. - \frac{2 \cdot 3}{12k+9} - \frac{3}{12k+10} - \frac{1}{12k+11} \right] \end{aligned}\quad (2.13)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\pi\sqrt{3} = & \frac{2}{3^4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^5}{12k+1} - \frac{3^4}{12k+3} + \frac{3^3}{12k+5} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{3^2}{12k+7} + \frac{3}{12k+9} - \frac{1}{12k+11} \right]. \end{aligned}\quad (2.14)$$

An alternating version of (2.14) is

$$\pi\sqrt{3} = 6 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right)^k \left[ \frac{1}{2k+1} \right]. \quad (2.15)$$

### 2.4 Ternary Zero Relations

Identity (2.10) may be rewritten in base  $3^6$ , length 12 as

$$\ln 2 = \frac{4}{3^5} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^4}{12k+2} + \frac{3^2}{12k+6} + \frac{1}{12k+10} \right]. \quad (2.16)$$

Subtracting (2.16) from (2.7), we obtain the following ternary zero relation:

$$0 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^5}{12k+1} - \frac{5 \cdot 3^4}{12k+2} - \frac{3^4}{12k+4} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3^3}{12k+5} - \frac{2^3 \cdot 3^2}{12k+6} - \frac{3^2}{12k+7} - \frac{3^2}{12k+8} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{5}{12k+10} + \frac{1}{12k+11} \right]. \quad (2.17)$$

Let  $R127$  denote the right hand side of Compendium formula 127 and  $R128$  the right hand side of Compendium formula 128. We note that

$$\text{equation (2.17)} \equiv R128 - R127 = 0. \quad (2.18)$$

Subtracting (2.13) from (2.14), we obtain the zero relation:

$$0 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{243}{12k+1} - \frac{243}{12k+2} - \frac{324}{12k+3} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{81}{12k+4} + \frac{27}{12k+5} - \frac{9}{12k+7} + \frac{9}{12k+8} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{12}{12k+9} + \frac{3}{12k+10} - \frac{1}{12k+11} \right]. \quad (2.19)$$

Note also that

$$\text{equation (2.19)} \equiv R128 + R127 = 0 \quad (2.20)$$

Equations (2.18) and (2.20) therefore establish that

$$R127 = 0$$

and

$$R128 = 0.$$

Thus the hitherto unproved formulas (127) and (128) in the BBP Compendium are now proved.

### 3 Degree 2 Ternary BBP-type Formulas

The dilogarithm reflection formula (equation A.2.1.7 of [6]) is

$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \ln x \ln(1-x) = \text{Li}_2[x] + \text{Li}_2[1-x].$$

Putting  $x = -\exp(i\pi/3)$  in the above identity and taking real and imaginary parts we find

$$\frac{5\pi^2}{72} - \frac{1}{8} \ln^2 3 = \operatorname{Re} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\frac{2}{3} \text{Cl}_2 \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right) - \frac{\pi \ln 3}{12} = \operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right]. \quad (3.2)$$

A two-variable functional equation for dilogarithms, due to Kummer (equation A.2.1.19 of [6]) is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{x(1-y)^2}{y(1-x)^2} \right] &= \text{Li}_2 \left[ -\frac{x(1-y)}{(1-x)} \right] + \text{Li}_2 \left[ -\frac{(1-y)}{y(1-x)} \right] \\ &\quad + \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{x(1-y)}{y(1-x)} \right] + \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1-y}{1-x} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 y. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Choosing  $x = -\exp(i\pi/3)$  and  $y = \exp(i\pi/3)$  in (3.3) gives

$$\frac{\pi^2}{12} - \frac{\ln^2 3}{4} = \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \text{Li}_2 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \right]. \quad (3.4)$$

Note that the choice of  $x = -1$  and  $y = 1/3$  gives the same result.

Another two-variable functional equation for dilogarithms, due to Abel (equation A.2.1.16 of [6]) is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{x}{1-x} \cdot \frac{y}{1-y} \right] &= \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{x}{(1-y)} \right] + \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{y}{(1-x)} \right] \\ &\quad - \text{Li}_2[x] - \text{Li}_2[y] - \ln(1-x) \ln(1-y). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Choosing  $x = -\exp(i\pi/3)$  and  $y = \exp(-i\pi/3)$  in (3.5) and taking imaginary parts, we obtain

$$\frac{5}{2} \text{Cl}_2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - \frac{\pi \ln 3}{4} = 3 \text{Im Li}_2\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{2}\right)\right]. \quad (3.6)$$

### 3.1 Ternary Formula for $\pi^2$

Solving (3.1) and (3.4) for  $\pi^2$ , we obtain

$$\pi^2 = 36 \text{Re Li}_2\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{6}\right)\right] - 18 \text{Li}_2\left[\frac{1}{3}\right] + 9 \text{Li}_2\left[-\frac{1}{3}\right]. \quad (3.7)$$

Writing

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re Li}_2\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{6}\right)\right] &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^6}{(12k+1)^2} + \frac{3^5}{(12k+2)^2} \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{3^4}{(12k+4)^2} - \frac{3^4}{(12k+5)^2} - \frac{3^3}{(12k+6)^2} \quad (3.8) \\ &\quad - \frac{3^3}{(12k+7)^2} - \frac{3^2}{(12k+8)^2} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3}{(12k+10)^2} + \frac{2}{(12k+12)^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Li}_2\left[\pm \frac{1}{3}\right] &= \frac{2^2}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \pm \frac{3^5}{(12k+2)^2} + \frac{3^4}{(12k+4)^2} \right. \\ &\quad \pm \frac{3^3}{(12k+6)^2} + \frac{3^2}{(12k+8)^2} \quad (3.9) \\ &\quad \left. \pm \frac{3}{(12k+10)^2} + \frac{1}{(12k+12)^2} \right], \end{aligned}$$

and combining them according to (3.7) we establish a ternary BBP-type

formula for  $\pi^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\pi^2 = & \frac{2}{27} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^5}{(12k+1)^2} - \frac{5 \cdot 3^4}{(12k+2)^2} \right. \\ & - \frac{3^4}{(12k+4)^2} - \frac{3^3}{(12k+5)^2} - \frac{2^3 \cdot 3^2}{(12k+6)^2} \\ & - \frac{3^2}{(12k+7)^2} - \frac{3^2}{(12k+8)^2} \\ & \left. - \frac{5}{(12k+10)^2} + \frac{1}{(12k+11)^2} \right].\end{aligned}\quad (3.10)$$

Incidentally, (3.10) is Formula (73) of the Compendium.

### 3.2 Ternary Formula for $\ln^2 3$

Solving (3.1) and (3.4) for  $\ln^2 3$ , we obtain

$$\ln^2 3 = 12 \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] - 10 \operatorname{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] + 5 \operatorname{Li}_2 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \right]. \quad (3.11)$$

Using (3.8) and (3.9) above in (3.11), we obtain the ternary BBP-type formula for  $\ln^2 3$  as

$$\begin{aligned}\ln^2 3 = & \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{2 \cdot 3^7}{(12k+1)^2} - \frac{2 \cdot 3^8}{(12k+2)^2} \right. \\ & - \frac{2 \cdot 13 \cdot 3^4}{(12k+4)^2} - \frac{2 \cdot 3^5}{(12k+5)^2} - \frac{2^3 \cdot 3^5}{(12k+6)^2} \\ & - \frac{2 \cdot 3^4}{(12k+7)^2} - \frac{2 \cdot 13 \cdot 3^2}{(12k+8)^2} \\ & \left. - \frac{2 \cdot 3^4}{(12k+10)^2} + \frac{2 \cdot 3^2}{(12k+11)^2} - \frac{8}{(12k+12)^2} \right],\end{aligned}\quad (3.12)$$

which is Formula (74) of the Compendium.

### 3.3 Ternary Formula for $\pi\sqrt{3}\ln 3$

Solving (3.2) and (3.6) for  $\pi \ln 3$  gives

$$\pi \ln 3 = 48 \operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right] - 60 \operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right]. \quad (3.13)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{54} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{27} \right)^k \left[ \frac{9}{(6k+1)^2} + \frac{9}{(6k+2)^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{6}{(12k+3)^2} + \frac{3}{(12k+4)^2} + \frac{1}{(6k+5)^2} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{27} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{27} \right)^k \left[ \frac{9}{(6k+1)^2} - \frac{3}{(6k+3)^2} + \frac{1}{(6k+5)^2} \right] \quad (3.15)$$

Using (3.14) and (3.15) in (3.13) leads to the ternary BBP-type formula

$$\begin{aligned} \pi\sqrt{3}\ln 3 &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{27} \right)^k \left[ \frac{9}{(6k+1)^2} - \frac{15}{(6k+2)^2} - \frac{18}{(6k+3)^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{5}{(6k+4)^2} + \frac{1}{(6k+5)^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

### 3.4 Ternary Formula for $\sqrt{3}\text{Cl}_2(\pi/3)$

Solving (3.2) and (3.6) for  $\text{Cl}_2(\pi/3)$  gives

$$\text{Cl}_2 \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = 6 \operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right] - 6 \operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right]. \quad (3.16)$$

Using (3.14) and (3.15) in (3.16) leads to the ternary BBP-type formula

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{3} \text{Cl}_2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{27}\right)^k \left[ \frac{9}{(6k+1)^2} - \frac{9}{(6k+2)^2} - \frac{12}{(6k+3)^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{3}{(6k+4)^2} + \frac{1}{(6k+5)^2} \right].\end{aligned}$$

## 4 Degree 3 Ternary BBP-type Formulas

A functional identity for trilogarithms (equation A.2.6.10 of [6]) is

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Li}_3\left[\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right] - \text{Li}_3\left[\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right] &= 2\text{Li}_3[1-x] + 2\text{Li}_3\left[\frac{1}{1+x}\right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\text{Li}_3[1-x^2] - \frac{7}{4}\zeta(3) \\ &\quad + \frac{\pi^2}{6}\ln(1+x) - \frac{1}{3}\ln^3(1+x).\end{aligned}$$

The use of  $x = 2$  in the above equation gives

$$\frac{13}{6}\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{6}\pi^2\ln 3 + \frac{1}{6}\ln^3 3 = 2\text{Li}_3\left[\frac{1}{3}\right] - \text{Li}_3\left[-\frac{1}{3}\right].$$

Putting  $x = \exp i\pi/3$  in the functional equation and taking real and imaginary parts gives

$$\frac{13}{18}\zeta(3) - \frac{5}{144}\pi^2\ln 3 + \frac{1}{48}\ln^3 3 = \operatorname{Re} \text{Li}_3\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{6}\right)\right] \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{29}{1296}\pi^3 - \frac{1}{48}\pi\ln^2 3 \\ = 4\operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_3\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{2}\right)\right] - 5\operatorname{Im} \text{Li}_3\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{6}\right)\right].\end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Using

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Li}_3\left[\pm\frac{1}{3}\right] &= \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \pm \frac{3^5}{(6k+1)^3} + \frac{3^4}{(6k+2)^3} \pm \frac{3^3}{(6k+3)^3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3^2}{(6k+4)^3} \pm \frac{3}{(6k+5)^3} + \frac{1}{(6k+6)^3} \right]\end{aligned}$$

leads to the ternary BBP-type formula

$$\begin{aligned} & 13\zeta(3) - \pi^2 \ln 3 + \ln^3 3 \\ &= \frac{2}{3^5} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^6}{(6k+1)^3} + \frac{3^4}{(6k+2)^3} + \frac{3^4}{(6k+3)^3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3^2}{(6k+4)^3} + \frac{3^2}{(6k+5)^3} + \frac{1}{(6k+6)^3} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

A shorter version (length 2) of the above formula is

$$13\zeta(3) - \pi^2 \ln 3 + \ln^3 3 = \frac{2}{3} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9^k} \left[ \frac{9}{(2k+1)^3} + \frac{1}{(2k+2)^3} \right].$$

The ternary BBP-type formula that results from (4.1) is discussed elsewhere [8].

Next we obtain the ternary BBP-type formula that results from (4.2).

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_3 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right] &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^5}{(12k+1)^3} - \frac{3^4}{(12k+3)^3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3^3}{(12k+5)^3} - \frac{3^2}{(12k+7)^3} + \frac{3}{(12k+9)^3} - \frac{1}{(12k+11)^3} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_3 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2 \cdot 3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^5}{(12k+1)^3} + \frac{3^5}{(12k+2)^3} + \frac{2 \cdot 3^4}{(12k+3)^3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3^4}{(12k+4)^3} + \frac{3^3}{(12k+5)^3} - \frac{3^2}{(12k+7)^3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{3^2}{(12k+8)^3} - \frac{2 \cdot 3}{(12k+9)^3} - \frac{3}{(12k+10)^3} - \frac{1}{(12k+11)^3} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Combining (4.3) and (4.4) according to the prescription of (4.2), we arrive

at

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{29}{1296} \pi^3 \sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{48} \pi \sqrt{3} \ln^2 3 \\
&= \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3^5} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^6}{(12k+1)^3} - \frac{5 \cdot 3^5}{(12k+2)^3} \right. \\
&\quad - \frac{2 \cdot 3^6}{(12k+3)^3} - \frac{5 \cdot 3^4}{(12k+4)^3} + \frac{3^4}{(12k+5)^3} - \frac{3^3}{(12k+7)^3} \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{5 \cdot 3^2}{(12k+8)^3} + \frac{2 \cdot 3^3}{(12k+9)^3} + \frac{5 \cdot 3}{(12k+10)^3} - \frac{3}{(12k+11)^3} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

## 5 Degree 4 Ternary BBP-type Formulas

A two-variable functional equation for degree 4 polylogarithms (equation A.2.7.40 of [6]) reads

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{x^2 y \eta}{\xi} \right] + \text{Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{y^2 x \xi}{\eta} \right] + \text{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{x^2 y}{\eta^2 \xi} \right] + \text{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{y^2 x}{\xi^2 \eta} \right] \\
&= 6 \text{ Li}_4 [xy] + 6 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ \frac{xy}{\eta \xi} \right] + 6 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{xy}{\eta} \right] + 6 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{xy}{\xi} \right] \\
&\quad + 3 \text{ Li}_4 [x\eta] + 3 \text{ Li}_4 [y\xi] + 3 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ \frac{x}{\eta} \right] + 3 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ \frac{y}{\xi} \right] + 3 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{x\eta}{\xi} \right] \quad (5.1) \\
&\quad + 3 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{y\xi}{\eta} \right] + 3 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{x}{\eta \xi} \right] + 3 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{y}{\eta \xi} \right] - 6 \text{ Li}_4 [x] \\
&\quad - 6 \text{ Li}_4 [y] - 6 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{x}{\xi} \right] - 6 \text{ Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{y}{\eta} \right] + 3/2 \ln^2 \xi \ln^2 \eta,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi = 1 - x$ ,  $\eta = 1 - y$ .

Putting  $x = -\exp(i\pi/3)$  and  $y = \exp(i\pi/3)$  in (5.1), simplifying and taking real and imaginary parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& -12 \operatorname{Re} \text{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i\pi/2} \right] - 3 \operatorname{Re} \text{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i\pi/6} \right] \\
&+ \text{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] + \frac{1}{4} \text{Li}_4 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \right] \quad (5.2) \\
&= -\frac{127\pi^4}{10368} + \frac{1}{64} \pi^2 \ln^2 3 - \frac{5}{384} \ln^4 3
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & -12 \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i\pi/2} \right] + 15 \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i\pi/6} \right] \\ & = \frac{29}{864} \pi^3 \ln 3 - \frac{1}{96} \pi \ln^3 3 - \frac{11}{3} \operatorname{Cl}_4 \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

First we proceed to obtain the BBP-type formula invoked by (5.2).

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right] &= \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ -\frac{3^5}{(12k+2)^4} + \frac{3^4}{(12k+4)^4} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{3^3}{(12k+6)^4} + \frac{3^2}{(12k+8)^4} - \frac{3}{(12k+10)^4} + \frac{1}{(12k+12)^4} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^6}{(12k+1)^4} + \frac{3^5}{(12k+2)^4} \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{3^4}{(12k+4)^4} - \frac{3^4}{(12k+5)^4} - \frac{2 \cdot 3^3}{(12k+6)^4} \\ &\quad - \frac{3^3}{(12k+7)^4} - \frac{3^2}{(12k+8)^4} + \frac{3}{(12k+10)^4} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{(12k+12)^4} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left[ \pm \frac{1}{3} \right] &= \frac{2^4}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \pm \frac{3^5}{(12k+2)^4} + \frac{3^4}{(12k+4)^4} \right. \\ &\quad \pm \frac{3^3}{(12k+6)^4} + \frac{3^2}{(12k+8)^4} \pm \frac{3}{(12k+10)^4} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{(12k+12)^4} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

Combining (5.4), (5.5) and (5.6) according to (5.2), we obtain the following degree 4 ternary BBP-type formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{127\pi^4}{5184} - \frac{\pi^2 \ln^2 3}{32} + \frac{5 \ln^4 3}{192} &= \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^7}{(12k+1)^4} - \frac{5 \cdot 3^7}{(12k+2)^4} \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{19 \cdot 3^4}{(12k+4)^4} - \frac{3^5}{(12k+5)^4} - \frac{2 \cdot 3^6}{(12k+6)^4} \\ &\quad - \frac{3^4}{(12k+7)^4} - \frac{19 \cdot 3^2}{(12k+8)^4} - \frac{5 \cdot 3^3}{(12k+10)^4} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3^2}{(12k+11)^4} - \frac{10}{(12k+12)^4} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Next we obtain the BBP-type formula invoked by (5.3).

Writing

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} \right) \right] \\ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{27} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{27} \right)^k \left[ \frac{9}{(6k+1)^4} - \frac{3}{(6k+3)^4} + \frac{1}{(6k+5)^4} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{5.7}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \exp \left( \frac{i\pi}{6} \right) \right] &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{54} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{27} \right)^k \left[ \frac{9}{(6k+1)^4} + \frac{9}{(6k+2)^4} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{6}{(6k+3)^4} + \frac{3}{(6k+4)^4} + \frac{1}{(6k+5)^4} \right], \end{aligned}$$

and combining these according to (5.3), we obtain the following degree 4 BBP-type formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( 11 \operatorname{Cl}_4 \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right) - \frac{29}{288} \pi^3 \ln 3 + \frac{\pi \ln^3 3}{32} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{27} \right)^k \left[ \frac{9}{(6k+1)^4} - \frac{15}{(6k+2)^4} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{18}{(6k+3)^4} - \frac{5}{(6k+4)^4} + \frac{1}{(6k+5)^4} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{5.8}$$

It is interesting to remark that (5.8) was first obtained by Broadhurst [9], using the PSLQ Algorithm. We have thus found its formal proof for the first time, through (5.3)!

## 6 Degree 5 Ternary BBP-type Formulas

The following degree 5 polylogarithm identity is derived in [10]

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{x\alpha}{y\beta} \right] + \text{Li}_5 [x\alpha y\eta] + \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{x\alpha\beta}{\eta} \right] + \text{Li}_5 [x\xi y\beta] + \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{x\xi}{y\eta} \right] \\
& + \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{x\xi\eta}{\beta} \right] + \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{\alpha y\beta}{\xi} \right] + \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\xi y\eta} \right] + \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{\alpha\eta}{\xi\beta} \right] \\
& - 9 \text{Li}_5 [xy] - 9 \text{Li}_5 [x\beta] - 9 \text{Li}_5 [x\eta] - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{x}{y} \right] - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{x}{\beta} \right] \\
& - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{x}{\eta} \right] - 9 \text{Li}_5 [\alpha y] - 9 \text{Li}_5 [\alpha\beta] - 9 \text{Li}_5 [\alpha\eta] \\
& - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{\alpha}{y} \right] - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right] - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\eta} \right] - 9 \text{Li}_5 [\xi y] - 9 \text{Li}_5 [\xi\beta] \\
& - 9 \text{Li}_5 [\xi\eta] - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{y}{\xi} \right] - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{\beta}{\xi} \right] - 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{\eta}{\xi} \right] \\
& + 18 \text{Li}_5 [x] + 18 \text{Li}_5 [\alpha] + 18 \text{Li}_5 [\xi] + 18 \text{Li}_5 [y] + 18 \text{Li}_5 [\beta] \\
& + 18 \text{Li}_5 [\eta] - 18 \zeta(5) = 3/10 (\ln \xi)^5 + 3/4 (\ln y - \ln x) (\ln \xi)^4 \\
& + 3/2 (3 \ln y - \ln \eta) (\ln \eta)^2 (\ln \xi)^2 + 1/2 \pi^2 (\ln \xi - 3 \ln \eta) (\ln \xi)^2 + 1/5 \pi^4 \ln \xi .
\end{aligned}$$

Here  $\xi = 1 - x$ ,  $\eta = 1 - y$ ,  $\alpha = -x/\xi$  and  $\beta = -y/\eta$ .

Putting  $x = -\exp(i\pi/3)$  and  $y = \exp(i\pi/3)$  in (6) and simplifying, gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{64} \pi^2 \ln^3 3 - \frac{127}{3456} \pi^4 \ln 3 - \frac{1}{128} \ln^5 3 + \frac{1573}{144} \zeta(5) \\
& = \frac{3}{2} \text{Li}_5 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \right] - 3 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] + 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i\pi/6} \right] + 9 \text{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{-i\pi/6} \right] . \quad (6.1)
\end{aligned}$$

On taking real parts

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{64}\pi^2\ln^3 3 - \frac{127}{3456}\pi^4\ln 3 - \frac{1}{128}\ln^5 3 + \frac{1573}{144}\zeta(5) \\ &= 18 \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i\pi/6} \right] + \frac{3}{2} \operatorname{Li}_5 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \right] - 3 \operatorname{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} 18 \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i\pi/6} \right] &= 18 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^k \frac{1}{k^5} \cos \left( \frac{k\pi}{6} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^8}{(12k+1)^5} + \frac{3^7}{(12k+2)^5} - \frac{3^6}{(12k+4)^5} \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{3^6}{(12k+5)^5} - \frac{2 \cdot 3^5}{(12k+6)^5} - \frac{3^5}{(12k+7)^5} - \frac{3^4}{(12k+8)^5} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3^3}{(12k+10)^5} + \frac{3^3}{(12k+11)^5} + \frac{2 \cdot 3^2}{(12k+12)^5} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (6.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{2} \operatorname{Li}_5 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \right] &= \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right)^k \frac{1}{k^5} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{-3^6 \cdot 2^4}{(12k+2)^5} + \frac{3^5 \cdot 2^4}{(12k+4)^5} - \frac{3^4 \cdot 2^4}{(12k+6)^5} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3^3 \cdot 2^4}{(12k+8)^5} - \frac{3^2 \cdot 2^4}{(12k+10)^5} + \frac{3 \cdot 2^4}{(12k+12)^5} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (6.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \operatorname{Li}_5 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] &= 3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^k \frac{1}{k^5} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^6 \cdot 2^5}{(12k+2)^5} + \frac{3^5 \cdot 2^5}{(12k+4)^5} + \frac{3^4 \cdot 2^5}{(12k+6)^5} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{3^3 \cdot 2^5}{(12k+8)^5} + \frac{3^2 \cdot 2^5}{(12k+10)^5} + \frac{3 \cdot 2^5}{(12k+12)^5} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (6.5)$$

Using (6.3), (6.4) and (6.5) in (6.2), we obtain the ternary BBP-type formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{64}\pi^2 \ln^3 3 - \frac{127}{3456}\pi^4 \ln 3 - \frac{1}{128}\ln^5 3 + \frac{1573}{144}\zeta(5) \\ &= \frac{1}{3^5} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{6k}} \left[ \frac{3^7}{(12k+1)^5} - \frac{5 \cdot 3^7}{(12k+2)^5} - \frac{19 \cdot 3^4}{(12k+4)^5} \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{3^5}{(12k+5)^5} - \frac{2 \cdot 3^6}{(12k+6)^5} - \frac{3^4}{(12k+7)^5} \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{19 \cdot 3^2}{(12k+8)^5} - \frac{5 \cdot 3^3}{(12k+10)^5} + \frac{3^2}{(12k+11)^5} - \frac{10}{(12k+12)^5} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

## 7 Conclusion

Using a fairly straightforward method, we have obtained several ternary BBP-type formulas, which can now be added to the literature. In particular we proved the following formulas (written in the now standard BBP notation [3]).

$$\ln 2 = 1/(2 \cdot 3^5)P((1, 3^6, 12, (3^5, 3^5, 0, -3^4, -3^3, 0, -3^2, -3^2, 0, 3, 1, 0)))$$

$$\ln 3 = 1/3^6P((1, 3^6, 12, (3^6, 3^5, 0, -3^4, -3^4, -2 \cdot 3^3, -3^3, -3^2, 0, 3, 3, 2)))$$

$$\ln 3 = 1/27P((1, -27, 6, (27, 9, 0, -3, -3, -2)))$$

$$\pi\sqrt{3} = 1/3^4P((1, 3^6, 12, (3^5, 3^5, 2 \cdot 3^4, 3^4, 3^3, 0, -3^2, -3^2, -6, -3, -1, 0)))$$

$$\pi\sqrt{3} = 2/3^4P((1, 3^6, 12, (3^5, 0, -3^4, 0, 3^3, 0, -3^2, 0, 3, 0, -1, 0)))$$

$$\pi\sqrt{3} = 6P((1, -3, 2, (1, 0)))$$

$$\pi^2 = 2/27P((2, 3^6, 12, (3^5, -5 \cdot 3^4, 0, -3^4, -3^3, -2^3 \cdot 3^2, -3^2, -3^2, 0, -5, 1, 0)))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln^2 3 = 1/3^6P((2, 3^6, 12, (2 \cdot 3^7, -2 \cdot 3^8, 0, -2 \cdot 13 \cdot 3^4, -2 \cdot 3^5, -2^3 \cdot 3^5, -2 \cdot 3^4, \\ -2 \cdot 13 \cdot 3^2, 0, -2 \cdot 3^4, 2 \cdot 3^2, -8))) \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi\sqrt{3}\ln 3 = 2P((2, -27, 6, (9, -15, -18, -5, 1, 0)))$$

$$\sqrt{3}\text{Cl}_2(\pi/3) = 1/3\text{P}((2, -27, 6, (9, -9, -12, -3, 1, 0)))$$

$$13\zeta(3) - \pi^2 \ln 3 + \ln^3 3 = 2/3^5\text{P}((3, 3^6, 6, (3^6, 3^4, 3^4, 3^2, 3^2, 1)))$$

$$13\zeta(3) - \pi^2 \ln 3 + \ln^3 3 = 2/3\text{P}((3, 9, 2, (9, 1)))$$

$$(29\pi^3/1296 - \pi \ln^2 3/48)/\sqrt{3} = 1/2/3^5\text{P}((3, 3^6, 12, (3^6, -5 \cdot 3^5, -2 \cdot 3^6, -5 \cdot 3^4, 3^4, 0, -3^3, 5 \cdot 3^2, 2 \cdot 3^3, 5 \cdot 3, -3, 0)))$$

$$127\pi^4/5184 - \pi^2 \ln^2 3/32 + 5 \ln^4 3/192 = 1/3^6\text{P}((4, 3^6, 12, (3^7, -5 \cdot 3^7, 0, -19 \cdot 3^4, -3^5, -2 \cdot 3^6, -3^4, -19 \cdot 3^2, 0, -5 \cdot 3^3, 3^2, -10)))$$

$$(11\text{Cl}_4(\pi/3) - 29\pi^3 \ln 3/288 + \pi \ln^3 3/32)/\sqrt{3} = 1/2\text{P}((4, -27, 6, (9, -15, -18, -5, 1, 0)))$$

$$\pi^2 \ln^3 3/64 - 127\pi^4 \ln 3/3456 - \ln^5 3/128 + 1573\zeta(5)/144 = 1/3^5\text{P}((5, 3^6, 12, (3^7, -5 \cdot 3^7, 0, -19 \cdot 3^4, -3^5, -2 \cdot 3^6, -3^4, -19 \cdot 3^2, 0, -5 \cdot 3^3, 3^2, -10)))$$

We also proved the following ternary zero relations:

$$0 = \text{P}((1, 3^6, 12, (3^5, -5 \cdot 3^4, 0, -3^4, -3^3, -2^3 \cdot 3^2, -3^2, -3^2, 0, -5, 1, 0)))$$

$$0 = \text{P}((1, 3^6, 12, (3^5, -3^5, -2^2 \cdot 3^4, -3^4, 3^3, 0, -3^2, 3^2, 3 \cdot 2^2, 3, -1, 0)))$$

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