

**Solution to Problem 7)** The infinite-product formula of Sec.4.2, Eq.(53), is as follows:

$$\Gamma(z + 1) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N! (N+1)^z}{(z+1)(z+2)(z+3) \cdots (z+N)}. \quad (1)$$

We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma(z)\Gamma(z + 1/3)\Gamma(z + 2/3) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(N!)^3 (N+1)^{z-1} (N+1)^{z+1/3-1} (N+1)^{z+2/3-1}}{z(z+1/3)(z+2/3) \times (z+1)(z+1+1/3)(z+1+2/3) \times \cdots \times (z-1+N)(z+1/3-1+N)(z+2/3-1+N)} \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{3N} (N!)^3 (N+1)^{3z-2}}{(3z)(3z+1)(3z+2) \times (3z+3)(3z+4)(3z+5) \times \cdots \times (3z-3+3N)(3z-2+3N)(3z-1+3N)} \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{3N} [(N!)^3 / (3N)!] (N+1)^{-1} [(N+1)/(3N+1)]^{3z-1} (3N)! \times (3N+1)^{3z-1}}{(3z-1+1)(3z-1+2)(3z-1+3) \cdots (3z-1+3N-2)(3z-1+3N-1)(3z-1+3N)} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

In the limit of large  $N$ , Stirling's asymptotic formula,  $N! \sim \sqrt{2\pi N} (N/e)^N$ , yields

$$\frac{(N!)^3}{(3N)!} \sim \frac{(2\pi N)^{3/2} (N/e)^{3N}}{\sqrt{2\pi} \times 3N (3N/e)^{3N}} = \frac{2\pi N}{\sqrt{3} \times 3^{3N}} \quad (3)$$

We also invoke the fact that the term  $[(N+1)/(3N+1)]^{3z-1}$  appearing in the numerator of Eq.(2) approaches  $(1/3)^{3z-1}$  in the limit when  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . The end result is

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(z)\Gamma(z + 1/3)\Gamma(z + 2/3) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi [N/(N+1)] \times 3^{1/2-3z} \times (3N)! \times (3N+1)^{3z-1}}{(3z-1+1)(3z-1+2)(3z-1+3) \cdots (3z-1+3N)} \\ &= 2\pi (3^{1/2-3z}) \Gamma(3z). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$


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