

# Weighted sum formula of multiple $L$ -values and its applications

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## Abstract

In this paper, we study the multiple  $L$ -values and the multiple zeta values of level  $N$ . We set up the algebraic framework for the double shuffle relations of the multiple zeta values of level  $N$ . Using the regularized double shuffle relations of multiple  $L$ -values, we give a sum formula and a weighted sum formula of multiple  $L$ -values. As applications, we give sum formulas and weighted sum formulas of double zeta values of level 2 and 3.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we study both the multiple  $L$ -values and the multiple zeta values of level  $N$ . Let us recall the definition of multiple  $L$ -values from [1]. Let  $N$  be a fixed positive integer. Set  $R = R_N = \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ . Fix a primitive  $N$ th root of unity  $\omega = \omega_N = \exp(2\pi i/N)$ . For positive integers  $n, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in R$ , the multiple  $L$ -values are defined by

$$L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{m_1 > \dots > m_n > 0} \frac{\omega^{a_1 m_1 + \dots + a_n m_n}}{m_1^{k_1} \dots m_n^{k_n}},$$
$$L_{N,\text{III}}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{m_1 > \dots > m_n > 0} \frac{\omega^{a_1(m_1 - m_2) + \dots + a_{n-1}(m_{n-1} - m_n) + a_n m_n}}{m_1^{k_1} \dots m_n^{k_n}}.$$

The above series are convergent when  $k_1 \geq 2$  or  $k_1 = 1$  and  $a_1 \neq 0$ . We have the following relations

$$L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) = L_{N,\text{III}}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, a_1 + a_2, \dots, a_1 + \dots + a_n),$$
$$L_{N,\text{III}}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) = L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_n - a_{n-1}).$$

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We also have the iterated integral representation

$$L_{N, \text{III}}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{dt}{t}\right)^{k_1-1} \frac{\omega^{a_1} dt}{1 - \omega^{a_1} t} \cdots \left(\frac{dt}{t}\right)^{k_n-1} \frac{\omega^{a_n} dt}{1 - \omega^{a_n} t},$$

where for one forms  $\omega_i = f_i(t)dt$ , we define

$$\int_0^1 \omega_1 \omega_2 \cdots \omega_k = \int_{1 > t_1 > t_2 > \cdots > t_k > 0} f_1(t_1) f_2(t_2) \cdots f_k(t_k) dt_1 dt_2 \cdots dt_k.$$

If  $N = 1$ , the multiple  $L$ -values become multiple zeta values

$$\zeta(k_1, \dots, k_n) = \sum_{m_1 > \cdots > m_n > 0} \frac{1}{m_1^{k_1} \cdots m_n^{k_n}},$$

where  $k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k_1 \geq 2$ . If  $N = 2$ , then  $R = \{0, 1\}$  and  $\omega = -1$ . Therefore the multiple  $L$ -values are just the alternating multiple zeta values:

$$L_{2,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{m_1 > \cdots > m_n > 0} \frac{(-1)^{a_1 m_1 + \cdots + a_n m_n}}{m_1^{k_1} \cdots m_n^{k_n}}.$$

As usual, the above value is denoted by  $\zeta^{(2)}(\boxed{k_1}, \dots, \boxed{k_n})$ , where

$$\boxed{k_i} = \begin{cases} k_i & \text{if } a_i = 0, \\ \bar{k}_i & \text{if } a_i = 1. \end{cases}$$

Hence for example, we have  $L_{2,*}(k_1, k_2; 0, 1) = \zeta^{(2)}(k_1, \bar{k}_2)$ . If  $N = 3$ , then  $R = \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and we will denote  $L_{3,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n)$  by  $\zeta^{(3)}(\boxed{k_1}, \dots, \boxed{k_n})$  with

$$\boxed{k_i} = \begin{cases} k_i & \text{if } a_i = 0, \\ \bar{k}_i & \text{if } a_i = 1, \\ \tilde{k}_i & \text{if } a_i = 2. \end{cases}$$

For example, we have  $L_{3,*}(k_1, k_2, k_3; 0, 1, 2) = \zeta^{(3)}(k_1, \bar{k}_2, \tilde{k}_3)$ . Note that for positive integers  $k_1, \dots, k_n$  with  $k_1 \geq 2$ ,

$$L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; 0, \dots, 0) = \zeta(k_1, \dots, k_n).$$

In [4], Guo and Xie gave a weighted sum formula of multiple zeta values with the help of the regularized double shuffle relations. Using the regularized double shuffle relations of multiple  $L$ -values, we obtain a sum formula and a weighted sum formula of multiple  $L$ -values in this paper.

In [9], Xu and Zhao studied a variant of multiple zeta values of level 2 (which is called multiple mixed values therein), which forms a subspace of the space of alternating multiple zeta values. This variant includes both Hoffman's multiple  $t$ -values [5] and Kaneko-Tsumura's multiple  $T$ -values [6] as special cases. The multiple zeta values of

any level are introduced by Yuan and Zhao in [10]. For positive integers  $n, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n$  with  $k_1 \geq 2$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in R$ , the multiple zeta values of level  $N$  are defined by

$$\zeta_N(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{\substack{m_1 > \dots > m_n > 0 \\ m_i \equiv a_i \pmod{N}}} \frac{N^n}{m_1^{k_1} \dots m_n^{k_n}}.$$

We will use the same tilde/bar notation for multiple zeta values of level 2 and 3 as well. For example,

$$\zeta_2(k_1, \overline{k_2}) = \zeta_2(k_1, k_2; 0, 1), \quad \zeta_3(k_1, \overline{k_2}, \widetilde{k_3}) = \zeta_3(k_1, k_2, k_3; 0, 1, 2).$$

In this paper, we set up the algebra framework for the double shuffle relations of multiple zeta values of level  $N$ .

In Section 2, we recall the double shuffle relations of multiple  $L$ -values. In Section 3, we study the double shuffle relations of multiple zeta values of level  $N$ . In Section 4, we give a sum formula and a weighted sum formula of multiple  $L$ -values. As applications, we provide some sum formulas and weighted sum formulas of double zeta values of level 2 and level 3. In particular, we reprove the weighted sum formula of double  $T$ -values appeared in [6].

## 2 Double shuffle relations of multiple $L$ -values

We recall the double shuffle relations of multiple  $L$ -values from [1]. Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_N = \mathbb{Q}\langle x, y_a \mid a \in R_N \rangle$  be the non-commutative polynomial algebra generated by the alphabet  $\{x, y_a \mid a \in R_N\}$ . Define the subalgebras

$$\mathcal{A}^1 = \mathcal{A}_N^1 = \mathbb{Q} + \sum_{a \in R_N} \mathcal{A}y_a$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}^0 = \mathcal{A}_N^0 = \mathbb{Q} + \sum_{a \in R_N} x\mathcal{A}y_a + \sum_{a, b \in R_N, b \neq 0} y_b\mathcal{A}y_a.$$

For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in R$ , set  $z_{k,a} = x^{k-1}y_a$ . Define the evaluation maps  $\mathcal{L}_{N,*} : \mathcal{A}^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}} : \mathcal{A}^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearities and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{N,*}(z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_n}) &= L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n), \\ \mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}}(z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_n}) &= L_{N,\text{III}}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathcal{I}_N : \mathcal{A}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^1$  be the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear endomorphism of  $\mathcal{A}^1$  determined by

$$\mathcal{I}_N(z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2} \cdots z_{k_n,a_n}) = z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_1+a_2} \cdots z_{k_n,a_1+\dots+a_n}.$$

The linear map  $\mathcal{I}_N$  is invertible, and the inverse  $\mathcal{I}_N^{-1} : \mathcal{A}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^1$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2} \cdots z_{k_n,a_n}) = z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2-a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_n-a_{n-1}}.$$

Hence we have  $\mathcal{L}_{N,*} = \mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}} \circ \mathcal{I}_N$ , or equivalently  $\mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}} = \mathcal{L}_{N,*} \circ \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}$ . More precisely, for any  $w \in \mathcal{A}^0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{L}_{N,*}(w) = \mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}}(\mathcal{I}_N(w)) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}}(w) = \mathcal{L}_{N,*}(\mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(w)).$$

The harmonic shuffle product  $*$  on  $\mathcal{A}^1$  is defined by  $\mathbb{Q}$ -bilinearity and the rules

$$\begin{aligned} 1 * w &= w * 1 = w, \\ z_{k,a}w_1 * z_{l,b}w_2 &= z_{k,a}(w_1 * z_{l,b}w_2) + z_{l,b}(z_{k,a}w_1 * w_2) + z_{k+l,a+b}(w_1 * w_2), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k, l \geq 1$ ,  $a, b \in R_N$ , and any words  $w, w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{A}^1$ . The harmonic shuffle product  $*$  is associative and commutative. Hence we get the commutative algebra  $(\mathcal{A}^1, *)$  and its subalgebra  $(\mathcal{A}^0, *)$ , which are denoted by  $\mathcal{A}_*^1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_*^0$ , respectively. The shuffle product  $\text{III}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined by  $\mathbb{Q}$ -bilinearity and the rules

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{III} w &= w \text{III} 1 = w, \\ uw_1 \text{III} vw_2 &= u(w_1 \text{III} vw_2) + v(uw_1 \text{III} w_2), \end{aligned}$$

for any words  $w, w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $u, v \in \{x, y_a \mid a \in R_N\}$ . Then we have the commutative algebra  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{III}}$  and its subalgebras  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{III}}^1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{III}}^0$ . For any  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{A}^0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{L}_{N,*}(w_1 * w_2) = \mathcal{L}_{N,*}(w_1)\mathcal{L}_{N,*}(w_2) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}}(w_1 * w_2) = \mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}}(w_1)\mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}}(w_2),$$

which induce the finite double shuffle relations

$$\mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}}(\mathcal{I}_N(w_1) \text{III} \mathcal{I}_N(w_2) - \mathcal{I}_N(w_1 * w_2)) = 0, \quad (w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{A}^0),$$

or equivalently

$$\mathcal{L}_{N,*}(\mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(w_1) * \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(w_2) - \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(w_1 \text{III} w_2)) = 0, \quad (w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{A}^0).$$

Notice that  $\mathcal{A}_*^1 = \mathcal{A}_*^0[y_0]$ , then for any  $w \in \mathcal{A}^1$ , we can write  $w$  uniquely as

$$w = w_0 + w_1 * y_0 + \cdots + w_n * y_0^{*n},$$

where  $w_0, w_1, \dots, w_n \in \mathcal{A}^0$ . Also, since  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{III}}^1 = \mathcal{A}_{\text{III}}^0[y_0]$ , we can write  $w$  uniquely as

$$w = w'_0 + w'_1 \text{III} y_0 + \cdots + w'_{n'} \text{III} y_0^{\text{III} n'},$$

where  $w'_0, w'_1, \dots, w'_{n'} \in \mathcal{A}^0$ . Then one can define the regularization maps  $\text{reg}_* : \mathcal{A}_*^1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_*^0$  and  $\text{reg}_{\text{III}} : \mathcal{A}_{\text{III}}^1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{III}}^0$  by  $\text{reg}_*(w) = w_0$  and  $\text{reg}_{\text{III}}(w) = w'_0$  respectively. It is easy to see that the maps  $\text{reg}_*$  and  $\text{reg}_{\text{III}}$  are algebraic morphisms. Hence we have the regularized double shuffle relations

$$\mathcal{L}_{N,\text{III}}(\text{reg}_{\text{III}}(\mathcal{I}_N(w_0 * w_1) - \mathcal{I}_N(w_0) \text{III} \mathcal{I}_N(w_1))) = 0, \quad (w_0 \in \mathcal{A}^0, w_1 \in \mathcal{A}^1)$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_{N,*}(\text{reg}_*(\mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(w_0 \text{III} w_1) - \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(w_0) * \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(w_1))) = 0, \quad (w_0 \in \mathcal{A}^0, w_1 \in \mathcal{A}^1).$$

### 3 Double shuffle relations of multiple zeta values of level $N$

#### 3.1 Multiple zeta values of level $N$

Recall that  $\omega = \omega_N = \exp(2\pi i/N)$  is a fixed primitive  $N$ th root of unity. The following lemma indicates that the multiple zeta values of level  $N$  can be expressed in terms of multiple  $L$ -values.

**Lemma 3.1.** *For positive integers  $n, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n$  with  $k_1 \geq 2$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in R$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \zeta_N(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) \\ = & \sum_{m_1 > m_2 > \dots > m_n > 0} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \omega^{m_i - a_i} + \omega^{2(m_i - a_i)} + \dots + \omega^{(N-1)(m_i - a_i)})}{m_1^{k_1} m_2^{k_2} \dots m_n^{k_n}}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** As

$$1 + \omega^r + \omega^{2r} + \dots + \omega^{(N-1)r} = \begin{cases} N & \text{if } N \mid r, \\ 0 & \text{if } N \nmid r, \end{cases}$$

we get the result. □

Using the series representations, we get the harmonic shuffle structure of the multiple zeta values of level  $N$  as displayed in the following simple example:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_N(k; a)\zeta_N(l; b) &= \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{N}}}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \equiv b \pmod{N}}}^{\infty} \frac{N^2}{m^k n^l} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{m > n > 0 \\ m \equiv a, n \equiv b \pmod{N}}} \frac{N^2}{m^k n^l} + \sum_{\substack{n > m > 0 \\ m \equiv a, n \equiv b \pmod{N}}} \frac{N^2}{n^l m^k} + \delta_{a,b} \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \equiv a \pmod{N}}}^{\infty} \frac{N^2}{m^{k+l}} \\ &= \zeta_N(k, l; a, b) + \zeta_N(l, k; b, a) + \delta_{a,b} N \zeta_N(k+l; a), \end{aligned}$$

where  $k, l \geq 2$ ,  $a, b \in R$  and  $\delta_{a,b}$  is the Kronecker symbol.

To study the shuffle structure among the multiple zeta values of level  $N$ , we introduce a map  $r : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , which is defined by

$$r(a) \equiv a \pmod{N} \quad \text{and} \quad r(a) \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

for any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We also define one forms

$$\Omega_0 = \frac{dt}{t}, \quad \Omega_a = \frac{Nt^{a-1}dt}{1-t^N},$$

where  $a \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . Then we have the iterated integral representation.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n$  be positive integers with  $k_1 \geq 2$ .*

(1) *For any  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , we have*

$$\int_0^1 \Omega_0^{k_1-1} \Omega_{b_1} \dots \Omega_0^{k_n-1} \Omega_{b_n} = \zeta_N(k_1, \dots, k_n; b_1 + \dots + b_n, \dots, b_{n-1} + b_n, b_n).$$

(2) For any  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_N(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n) &= \int_0^1 \Omega_0^{k_1-1} \Omega_r(a_1-a_2) \Omega_0^{k_2-1} \Omega_r(a_2-a_3) \cdots \\ &\quad \times \Omega_0^{k_{n-1}-1} \Omega_r(a_{n-1}-a_n) \Omega_0^{k_n-1} \Omega_r(a_n). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** It is sufficient to prove (1). Note that the depth one case was already given in [10]. As

$$\int_0^t \frac{t^{b_n-1} dt}{1-t^N} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t t^{lN+b_n-1} dt = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{lN+b_n}}{lN+b_n},$$

we get

$$\int_0^t \left(\frac{dt}{t}\right)^{k_n-1} \frac{t^{b_n-1} dt}{1-t^N} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{lN+b_n}}{(lN+b_n)^{k_n}}. \quad (3.1)$$

Similarly, as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \frac{t^{b_{n-1}-1} dt}{1-t^N} \left(\frac{dt}{t}\right)^{k_n-1} \frac{t^{b_n-1} dt}{1-t^N} &= \sum_{l_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(l_2N+b_n)^{k_n}} \sum_{l_1=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t t^{(l_1+l_2)N+b_{n-1}+b_n-1} dt \\ &= \sum_{l_1, l_2 \geq 0} \frac{t^{(l_1+l_2)N+b_{n-1}+b_n}}{(l_2N+b_n)^{k_n} ((l_1+l_2)N+b_{n-1}+b_n)}, \end{aligned}$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^t \left(\frac{dt}{t}\right)^{k_n-1} \frac{t^{b_{n-1}-1} dt}{1-t^N} \left(\frac{dt}{t}\right)^{k_n-1} \frac{t^{b_n-1} dt}{1-t^N} \\ &= \sum_{l_1, l_2 \geq 0} \frac{t^{(l_1+l_2)N+b_{n-1}+b_n}}{(l_2N+b_n)^{k_n} ((l_1+l_2)N+b_{n-1}+b_n)^{k_n-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then one can easily get the result by induction.  $\square$

### 3.2 Algebraic setup

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_N = \mathbb{Q}\langle x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N \rangle$  be the non-commutative polynomial algebra generated by the alphabet  $\{x_a \mid a = 0, 1, \dots, N\}$ . Define the subalgebras

$$\mathcal{U}^1 = \mathcal{U}_N^1 = \mathbb{Q} + \sum_{a=1}^N \mathcal{U}x_a$$

spanned by words not ending in  $x_0$  and

$$\mathcal{U}^0 = \mathcal{U}_N^0 = \mathbb{Q} + \sum_{a=1}^N x_0 \mathcal{U}x_a$$

spanned by words beginning with  $x_0$  and not ending in  $x_0$ . We set  $y_{k,a} = x_0^{k-1} x_a$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .

We define the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear map (called the evaluation map)  $\zeta_N : \mathcal{U}^0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\zeta_N(1_x) = 1$  and

$$\zeta_N(y_{k_1, a_1} \cdots y_{k_n, a_n}) = \zeta_N(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

where  $1_x$  is the empty word,  $k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k_1 \geq 2$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .

We define the stuffle product  $*$  on  $\mathcal{U}^1$  by  $\mathbb{Q}$ -bilinearity and the rules:

$$\begin{aligned} 1_x * w &= w = w * 1_x, \\ y_{k,a} w_1 * y_{l,b} w_2 &= y_{k,a}(w_1 * y_{l,b} w_2) + y_{l,b}(y_{k,a} w_1 * w_2) + \delta_{a,b} N y_{k+l,a}(w_1 * w_2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $w, w_1, w_2$  are words in  $\mathcal{U}^1$ ,  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $a, b \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . The stuffle product  $*$  is commutative and associative. Therefore  $\mathcal{U}^1$  is a commutative  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra with respect to  $*$ . We denote it by  $\mathcal{U}_*^1$ . The subspace  $\mathcal{U}^0$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{U}_*^1$  and we denote it by  $\mathcal{U}_*^0$ . Then from the infinite series representations of multiple zeta values of level  $N$ , we have the following result.

**Proposition 3.3.** *The map  $\zeta_N : \mathcal{U}_*^0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an algebra homomorphism. More precisely, for any  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{U}^0$ , we have*

$$\zeta_N(w_1 * w_2) = \zeta_N(w_1)\zeta_N(w_2).$$

The shuffle product  $\boxplus$  on  $\mathcal{U}$  is defined by  $\mathbb{Q}$ -bilinearity and the rules

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \boxplus w &= w \boxplus 1 = w, \\ uw_1 \boxplus vw_2 &= u(w_1 \boxplus vw_2) + v(uw_1 \boxplus w_2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $w, w_1, w_2$  are words in  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $u, v \in \{x_a \mid a = 0, 1, \dots, N\}$ . Then we have the commutative algebra  $\mathcal{U}_{\boxplus}$  and its subalgebras  $\mathcal{U}_{\boxplus}^1$  and  $\mathcal{U}_{\boxplus}^0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{J}_N$  be the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear endomorphism of  $\mathcal{U}^1$  determined by

$$\mathcal{J}_N(y_{k_1, a_1} \cdots y_{k_n, a_n}) = y_{k_1, r(a_1 - a_2)} y_{k_2, r(a_2 - a_3)} \cdots y_{k_{n-1}, r(a_{n-1} - a_n)} y_{k_n, r(a_n)},$$

where  $k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . It is obvious that  $\mathcal{J}_N$  is invertible, and its inverse  $\mathcal{J}_N^{-1}$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{J}_N^{-1}(y_{k_1, a_1} \cdots y_{k_n, a_n}) = y_{k_1, r(a_1 + \cdots + a_n)} y_{k_2, r(a_2 + \cdots + a_n)} \cdots y_{k_{n-1}, r(a_{n-1} + a_n)} y_{k_n, r(a_n)}.$$

Then from the iterated integral representations of multiple zeta values of level  $N$ , we have the following result.

**Proposition 3.4.** *For any  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{U}^0$ , we have*

$$\zeta_N(\mathcal{J}_N^{-1}(w_1 \boxplus w_2)) = \zeta_N(\mathcal{J}_N^{-1}(w_1))\zeta_N(\mathcal{J}_N^{-1}(w_2)).$$

Finally, we get the finite double shuffle relations of multiple zeta values of level  $N$ .

**Theorem 3.5 (Finite double shuffle relation).** *For any  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{U}^0$ , we have*

$$\zeta_N(\mathcal{J}_N^{-1}(w_1) * \mathcal{J}_N^{-1}(w_2) - \mathcal{J}_N^{-1}(w_1 \boxplus w_2)) = 0.$$

## 4 Sum formulas and weighted sum formulas

In this section, using the regularized double shuffle relations, we derive a sum formula and a weighted sum formula of multiple  $L$ -values. As applications, we (re)obtain some sum formulas and weighted sum formulas of double zeta values of level 2 and level 3.

### 4.1 Sum and weighted sum formulas of multiple $L$ -values

Let  $N$  be a positive integer. We first compute the stuffle products.

**Lemma 4.1.** *For positive integers  $k, n$  with  $k \geq n + 1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , and  $a, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \in R$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_{n-1} = k-1 \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(z_{1,a}) * \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(z_{k_1, a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1}, a_{n-1}}) \\
 = & \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_{n-1} = k-1 \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} z_{1,a} z_{k_1, a_1} z_{k_2, a_2 - a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1}, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}} \\
 & + \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_n = k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2, k_i = 1}} z_{k_1, a_1} \cdots z_{k_{i-1}, a_{i-1} - a_{i-2}} z_{k_i, a} z_{k_{i+1}, a_i - a_{i-1}} \cdots z_{k_n, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}} \\
 & + \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_{n-1} = k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 3}} z_{k_1, a + a_1} z_{k_2, a_2 - a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1}, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}} \\
 & + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_{n-1} = k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1, k_i \geq 2}} z_{k_1, a_1} \cdots z_{k_{i-1}, a_{i-1} - a_{i-2}} z_{k_i, a + a_i - a_{i-1}} z_{k_{i+1}, a_{i+1} - a_i} \cdots z_{k_{n-1}, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\substack{l + k_1 + \dots + k_{n-1} = k \\ l, k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(z_{l,a}) * \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(z_{k_1, a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1}, a_{n-1}}) \\
 = & \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_n = k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_2 \geq 2}} z_{k_1, a} z_{k_2, a_1} z_{k_3, a_2 - a_1} \cdots z_{k_n, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}} \\
 & + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_n = k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} z_{k_1, a_1} z_{k_2, a_2 - a_1} \cdots z_{k_i, a_i - a_{i-1}} z_{k_{i+1}, a} z_{k_{i+2}, a_{i+1} - a_i} \cdots z_{k_n, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}} \\
 & + \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_{n-1} = k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} (k_1 - 2) z_{k_1, a + a_1} z_{k_2, a_2 - a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1}, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}} \\
 & + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_{n-1} = k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} (k_i - 1) z_{k_1, a_1} z_{k_2, a_2 - a_1} \cdots z_{k_{i-1}, a_{i-1} - a_{i-2}} z_{k_i, a + a_i - a_{i-1}} \\
 & \quad \times z_{k_{i+1}, a_{i+1} - a_i} \cdots z_{k_{n-1}, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$



**Proof.** As

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(z_{l,a}) * \mathcal{I}_N^{-1}(z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}}) = z_{l,a} * z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2-a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}-a_{n-2}} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2-a_1} \cdots z_{k_i,a_i-a_{i-1}} z_{l,a} z_{k_{i+1},a_{i+1}-a_i} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}-a_{n-2}} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2-a_1} \cdots z_{k_{i-1},a_{i-1}-a_{i-2}} z_{l+k_i,a+a_i-a_{i-1}} z_{k_{i+1},a_{i+1}-a_i} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}-a_{n-2}},
\end{aligned}$$

we get the result.  $\square$

For shuffle products, we have

**Lemma 4.2.** *For positive integers  $k, n$  with  $k \geq n + 1$  and  $n \geq 2$ ,  $a, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \in R$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}=k-1 \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} z_{1,a} \text{ III } z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{k_1+\cdots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1+k_2 \geq 3}} z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}} + \sum_{\substack{k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}=k-1 \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} z_{1,a} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1+\cdots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2} \cdots z_{k_{i-1},a_{i-1}} z_{k_i,a} z_{k_{i+1},a_i} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\substack{l+k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}=k \\ l, k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} z_{l,a} \text{ III } z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{k_1+\cdots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_2 \geq 2}} 2^{k_1-1} z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}} + \sum_{\substack{k_1+\cdots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_2=1}} (2^{k_1-1} - 1) z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1+\cdots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1}} (2^{k_1+\cdots+k_i-i} - 2^{k_2+\cdots+k_i-(i-1)}) z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{i-1},a_{i-1}} z_{k_i,a} z_{k_{i+1},a_i} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}} \\
&\quad + \sum_{\substack{k_1+\cdots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1}} (2^{k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}-(n-1)} - 2^{k_2+\cdots+k_{n-1}-(n-2)}) z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} z_{k_n,a}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** As

$$\begin{aligned}
& z_{1,a} \text{ III } z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{k_1} z_{j,a} z_{k_1+1-j,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} z_{k_1,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2} \cdots z_{k_{i-1},a_{i-1}} z_{j,a} z_{k_i+1-j,a_i} z_{k_{i+1},a_{i+1}} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} \\
&\quad + z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} z_{1,a},
\end{aligned}$$

we get the first equation.

In general, similarly as in [7], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& z_{l,a} \text{III} z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1+\cdots+\alpha_{i+1} \\ =l+k_1+\cdots+k_i, \alpha_j \geq 1}} \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \binom{\alpha_j-1}{k_j-1} \binom{\alpha_i-1}{k_i-\alpha_{i+1}} z_{\alpha_1,a_1} \cdots z_{\alpha_{i-1},a_{i-1}} z_{\alpha_i,a} z_{\alpha_{i+1},a_i} \\
& \quad \times z_{k_{i+1},a_{i+1}} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} \\
+ & \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1+\cdots+\alpha_n \\ =l+k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}, \alpha_j \geq 1}} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \binom{\alpha_j-1}{k_j-1} z_{\alpha_1,a_1} \cdots z_{\alpha_{n-1},a_{n-1}} z_{\alpha_n,a}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$$\sum_{\substack{l+k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}=k \\ l, k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} z_{l,a} \text{III} z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} = S_1 + S_2 + S_3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
S_1 &= \sum_{\substack{l+k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}=k \\ l, k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1+\alpha_2=l+k_1 \\ \alpha_j \geq 1}} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-\alpha_2} z_{\alpha_1,a} z_{\alpha_2,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}}, \\
S_2 &= \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{l+k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}=k \\ l, k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1+\cdots+\alpha_{i+1} \\ =l+k_1+\cdots+k_i, \alpha_j \geq 1}} \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \binom{\alpha_j-1}{k_j-1} \binom{\alpha_i-1}{k_i-\alpha_{i+1}} z_{\alpha_1,a_1} \cdots z_{\alpha_{i-1},a_{i-1}} \\
& \quad \times z_{\alpha_i,a} z_{\alpha_{i+1},a_i} z_{k_{i+1},a_{i+1}} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} \\
S_3 &= \sum_{\substack{l+k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}=k \\ l, k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1+\cdots+\alpha_n \\ =l+k_1+\cdots+k_{n-1}, \alpha_j \geq 1}} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \binom{\alpha_j-1}{k_j-1} z_{\alpha_1,a_1} \cdots z_{\alpha_{n-1},a_{n-1}} z_{\alpha_n,a}.
\end{aligned}$$

For  $S_1$ , we have

$$S_1 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+k_2+\cdots+k_{n-1}=k \\ \alpha_j, k_p \geq 1}} \sum_{\substack{k_1 \geq 2 \\ k_1 \geq \alpha_2}} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-\alpha_2} z_{\alpha_1,a} z_{\alpha_2,a_1} z_{k_2,a_2} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}}.$$

If  $\alpha_2 = 1$ , we get

$$\sum_{\substack{k_1 \geq 2 \\ k_1 \geq \alpha_2}} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-\alpha_2} = \sum_{k_1 \geq 2} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-1} = 2^{\alpha_1-1} - 1.$$

While if  $\alpha_2 \geq 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{\substack{k_1 \geq 2 \\ k_1 \geq \alpha_2}} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-\alpha_2} = \sum_{k_1 \geq \alpha_2} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-\alpha_2} = 2^{\alpha_1-1}.$$

Hence we find

$$S_1 = \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_2 \geq 2}} 2^{k_1-1} z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}} + \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_2=1}} (2^{k_1-1} - 1) z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}}.$$

For  $S_2$ , we have

$$S_2 = \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{i+1}+k_{i+1} \\ +\dots+k_{n-1}=k, \alpha_j, k_p \geq 1}} \sum_{k_1=2}^{\alpha_1} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-1} \prod_{j=2}^{i-1} \sum_{k_j=1}^{\alpha_j} \binom{\alpha_j-1}{k_j-1} \sum_{k_i=\alpha_{i+1}}^{\alpha_i+\alpha_{i+1}-1} \binom{\alpha_i-1}{k_i-\alpha_{i+1}} \\ \times z_{\alpha_1,a_1} \cdots z_{\alpha_{i-1},a_{i-1}} z_{\alpha_i,a} z_{\alpha_{i+1},a_i} z_{k_{i+1},a_{i+1}} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}}.$$

Since

$$\sum_{k_1=2}^{\alpha_1} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-1} = 2^{\alpha_1-1} - 1, \quad \sum_{k_j=1}^{\alpha_j} \binom{\alpha_j-1}{k_j-1} = 2^{\alpha_j-1}, \quad \sum_{k_i=\alpha_{i+1}}^{\alpha_i+\alpha_{i+1}-1} \binom{\alpha_i-1}{k_i-\alpha_{i+1}} = 2^{\alpha_i-1},$$

we find

$$S_2 = \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1}} (2^{k_1+\dots+k_i-i} - 2^{k_2+\dots+k_i-(i-1)}) z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{i-1},a_{i-1}} z_{k_i,a} z_{k_{i+1},a_i} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}}.$$

Similarly, for  $S_3$ , we have

$$S_3 = \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_n=k \\ \alpha_j \geq 1}} \sum_{k_1=2}^{\alpha_1} \binom{\alpha_1-1}{k_1-1} \prod_{j=2}^{n-1} \sum_{k_j=1}^{\alpha_j} \binom{\alpha_j-1}{k_j-1} z_{\alpha_1,a_1} \cdots z_{\alpha_{n-1},a_{n-1}} z_{\alpha_n,a} \\ = \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1}} (2^{k_1+\dots+k_{n-1}-(n-1)} - 2^{k_2+\dots+k_{n-1}-(n-2)}) z_{k_1,a_1} \cdots z_{k_{n-1},a_{n-1}} z_{k_n,a}.$$

Then we get the desired result.  $\square$

Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2 induce the following sum formula and weighted sum formula.

**Theorem 4.3.** For positive integers  $k, n$  with  $k \geq n+1, n \geq 2$ , and  $a, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \in R$ , we have

$$\sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a, a_1 - a, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\ + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{i-1} - a_{i-2}, \\ a - a_{i-1}, a_i - a, a_{i+1} - a_i, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\ + \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_1 \geq 2, k_n=1}} L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}, a - a_{n-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_1=1, k_2 \geq 2}} \mathcal{L}_{N,*} \left( z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1} z_{k_3,a_2-a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}-a_{n-2}} - z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1-a} z_{k_3,a_2-a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}-a_{n-2}} \right) \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2, k_i=1}} L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{i-1} - a_{i-2}, a, a_i - a_{i-1}, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_{n-1}=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 3}} L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}; a + a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_{n-1}=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1, k_i \geq 2}} L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{i-1} - a_{i-2}, \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad a + a_i - a_{i-1}, a_{i+1} - a_i, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}).
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.4.** For positive integers  $k, n$  with  $k \geq n+1$  and  $n \geq 2$ ,  $a, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_2 \geq 2}} \mathcal{L}_{N,*} \left( 2^{k_1-1} z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1-a} z_{k_3,a_2-a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}-a_{n-2}} \right. \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad \left. - z_{k_1,a} z_{k_2,a_1} z_{k_3,a_2-a_1} \cdots z_{k_n,a_{n-1}-a_{n-2}} \right) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2, k_2=1}} (2^{k_1-1} - 1) L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a, a_1 - a, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} (2^{k_1+\dots+k_i-i} - 2^{k_2+\dots+k_i-(i-1)}) L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{i-1} - a_{i-2}, \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad a - a_{i-1}, a_i - a, a_{i+1} - a_i, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} (2^{k_1+\dots+k_{n-1}-(n-1)} - 2^{k_2+\dots+k_{n-1}-(n-2)}) L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}, a - a_{n-1}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_n=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_n; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_i - a_{i-1}, a, a_{i+1} - a_i, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_{n-1}=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} (k_1 - 2) L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}; a + a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}) \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{k_1+\dots+k_{n-1}=k \\ k_j \geq 1, k_1 \geq 2}} (k_i - 1) L_{N,*}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}; a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_{i-1} - a_{i-2}, a + a_i - a_{i-1}, \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad a_{i+1} - a_i, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}).
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $n = 2$ . From Theorem 4.3, we get the following sum formula of double  $L$ -values.

**Corollary 4.5.** For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , and  $a_1, a_2 \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} L_{N,*}(j, k-j; a_1, a_2) &= L_{N,*}(k-1, 1; a_1 + a_2, a_1) - L_{N,*}(k-1, 1; a_1 + a_2, -a_2) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{L}_{N,*}(z_{1,a_1} z_{k-1, a_1 + a_2} - z_{1,a_1} z_{k-1, a_2}) + L_{N,*}(k, 2a_1 + a_2). \end{aligned}$$

From Theorem 4.4, we get the following weighted sum formula of double  $L$ -values.

**Corollary 4.6.** For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , and any  $a_1, a_2 \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} (2^{j-1} L_{N,*}(j, k-j; a_1, a_2 - a_1) + (2^{j-1} - 1) L_{N,*}(j, k-j; a_2, a_1 - a_2) \\ &\quad - L_{N,*}(j, k-j; a_1, a_2) - L_{N,*}(j, k-j; a_2, a_1)) \\ &= L_{N,*}(k-1, 1; a_1, a_2 - a_1) - L_{N,*}(k-1, 1; a_1, a_2) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{L}_{N,*}(z_{1,a_1} z_{k-1, a_2} - z_{1,a_1} z_{k-1, a_2 - a_1}) + (k-2) L_{N,*}(k; a_1 + a_2). \end{aligned}$$

## 4.2 Sum and weighted sum formulas of double zeta values of level 2

Setting  $N = 2$  in Corollary 4.5, and taking all possible values of  $(a_1, a_2)$ , we get the sum formulas of alternating double zeta values as displayed in the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.7.** For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we have

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta(j, k-j) = \zeta(k), \tag{4.1}$$

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(2)}(j, \overline{k-j}) = \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, 1) - \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, \overline{1}) + \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k}), \tag{4.2}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{j}, \overline{k-j}) = \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{1}, k-1) + \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k}), \tag{4.3}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{j}, k-j) = \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, \overline{1}) - \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, 1) + \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{1}, \overline{k-1}) + \zeta(k). \tag{4.4}$$

Note that formula (4.1) is attributed to Euler [3]. Sum relations (4.2)-(4.4) can also be found in [2, Theorem 3.2] with alternative proofs based on generating functions.

Now let  $N = 2$  in Corollary 4.6. In the case of  $(a_1, a_2) = (0, 0)$ , we get

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} (2^j - 3) \zeta(j, k-j) = (k-2) \zeta(k). \tag{4.5}$$

In the case of  $(a_1, a_2) = (0, 1)$ , we have

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} (2^{j-1} - 1) \zeta^{(2)}(j, \overline{k-j}) + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} (2^{j-1} - 1) \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{j}, \overline{k-j})$$

$$-\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{j}, k-j) = (k-2)\zeta^{(2)}(\bar{k}). \quad (4.6)$$

In the case of  $(a_1, a_2) = (1, 0)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} 2^{j-1} \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{j}, \overline{k-j}) + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} (2^{j-1} - 2) \zeta^{(2)}(j, \overline{k-j}) - \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{j}, k-j) \\ &= \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, \bar{1}) + (k-2)\zeta^{(2)}(\bar{k}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

In the case of  $(a_1, a_2) = (1, 1)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} (2^j - 1) \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{j}, k-j) - 2 \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{j}, \overline{k-j}) \\ &= \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, 1) - \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, \bar{1}) + \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{1}, \overline{k-1}) - \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{1}, k-1) + (k-2)\zeta(k). \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

Then using the sum formulas of alternating double zeta values and (4.5)-(4.8), we get the following weighted sum formulas of alternating double zeta values.

**Corollary 4.8.** *For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we have*

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta(j, k-j) = (k+1)\zeta(k), \quad (4.9)$$

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta^{(2)}(j, \overline{k-j}) + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{j}, \overline{k-j}) = 2\zeta(k) + 2k\zeta^{(2)}(\bar{k}), \quad (4.10)$$

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{j}, k-j) = (k-1)\zeta(k) + 2\zeta^{(2)}(\bar{k}). \quad (4.11)$$

Note that (4.9) was first proved by Ohno and Zudilin [8, Theorem 3]. Relations (4.10) and (4.11) can also be found in [2, proof of Theorem 4.4].

By Lemma 3.1 with  $N = 2$  and  $\omega = -1$ , the double zeta values of level 2 can be represented by the alternating double zeta values in the following way:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \zeta_2(k, l) \\ \zeta_2(\bar{k}, l) \\ \zeta_2(k, \bar{l}) \\ \zeta_2(\bar{k}, \bar{l}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \zeta(k, l) \\ \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{k}, l) \\ \zeta^{(2)}(k, \bar{l}) \\ \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{k}, \bar{l}) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.12)$$

Then by Corollary 4.7, (4.12) and the fact  $\zeta^{(2)}(\bar{k}) = (2^{1-k} - 1)\zeta(k)$ , we get the sum formulas of double zeta values of level 2.

**Corollary 4.9.** *For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we have*

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_2(j, k-j) = \frac{1}{2^{k-2}} \zeta(k),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_2(\bar{j}, k-j) &= 2 (\zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, 1) - \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, \bar{1})) \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_2(j, \overline{k-j}) &= 2 (\zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, \bar{1}) + \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{1}, \overline{k-1}) - \zeta^{(2)}(\overline{k-1}, 1) - \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{1}, k-1)) \\
&\quad + 4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_2(\bar{j}, \overline{k-j}) &= 2 (\zeta^{(2)}(\bar{1}, k-1) - \zeta^{(2)}(\bar{1}, \overline{k-1})).
\end{aligned}$$

For an alternative proof of Corollary 4.9 based on generating functions, see [2, Corollary 3.3]. Similarly, using Corollary 4.7, (4.12) and (4.9)-(4.11), we get the weighted sum formulas of double zeta values of level 2.

**Corollary 4.10.** *For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we have*

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta_2(j, k-j) = \frac{k+1}{2^{k-2}} \zeta(k), \tag{4.13}$$

$$\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta_2(j, \overline{k-j}) = 4(k-1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \zeta(k). \tag{4.14}$$

**Proof.** We get the first equation by (4.9)+(4.10)+(4.11), and the second equation by (4.9)+(4.11)-(4.10).  $\square$

**Remark 4.11.** *Since  $\zeta_2(k_1, k_2) = 2^{2-k_1-k_2} \zeta(k_1, k_2)$ , one can easily find that (4.13) is a variant of (4.9). Also, since the Kaneko-Tsumura's double  $T$ -values are given by  $T(k_1, k_2) = \zeta_2(k_1, \overline{k_2})$ , (4.14) recovers [6, Theorem 3.2].*

### 4.3 Sum and weighted sum formulas of double zeta values of level 3

We consider the case of  $N = 3$ . Taking all possible values of  $(a_1, a_2)$  in Corollary 4.5, we get the following sum formulas of multiple  $L$ -values of level 3.

**Corollary 4.12.** *For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta(j, k-j) &= \zeta(k), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\bar{j}, k-j) &= \zeta^{(3)}(\bar{1}, \overline{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\bar{1}, k-1) + \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, \bar{1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, 1) + \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{j}, k-j) &= \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, \widetilde{\overline{k-1}}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, k-1) + \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{\overline{k-1}}, \widetilde{1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{\overline{k-1}}, 1) + \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k}),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(3)}(j, \overline{k-j}) &= \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, 1) - \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, \tilde{1}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{j}, \overline{k-j}) &= \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, \overline{k-1}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, \tilde{1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, \tilde{1}) + \zeta(k), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{j}, \overline{k-j}) &= \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, k-1) - \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, \overline{k-1}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{k}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(3)}(j, \widetilde{k-j}) &= \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, 1) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, \tilde{1}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{k}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{j}, \widetilde{k-j}) &= \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, k-1) - \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{k}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{j}, \widetilde{k-j}) &= \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, \overline{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, \tilde{1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, \tilde{1}) + \zeta(k).
\end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $\omega$  is a primitive cubic root of unity. For positive integers  $k_1, k_2$  with  $k_1 \geq 2$  and  $a_1, a_2 \in R_3$ , from Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta_3(k_1, k_2; a_1, a_2) &= \sum_{m_1 > m_2 > 0} \frac{(1 + \omega^{m_1 - a_1} + \omega^{2(m_1 - a_1)})(1 + \omega^{m_2 - a_2} + \omega^{2(m_2 - a_2)})}{m_1^{k_1} m_2^{k_2}} \\
&= \zeta(k_1, k_2) + \omega^{-a_1} \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k_1}, k_2) + \omega^{-2a_1} \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{k}_1, k_2) \\
&\quad + \omega^{-a_2} \zeta^{(3)}(k_1, \overline{k_2}) + \omega^{-a_1 - a_2} \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k_1}, \overline{k_2}) + \omega^{-2a_1 - a_2} \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{k}_1, \overline{k_2}) \\
&\quad + \omega^{-2a_2} \zeta^{(3)}(k_1, \tilde{k}_2) + \omega^{-a_1 - 2a_2} \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k_1}, \tilde{k}_2) + \omega^{-2a_1 - 2a_2} \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{k}_1, \tilde{k}_2).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

Hence we can get sum formulas of multiple zeta values of level 3 from Corollary 4.12. To state the results, we introduce some notations. For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we set

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta_3^{0,1}(1, \overline{k-1}) &= \sum_{m_1 > m_2 > 0} \frac{(1 - \omega)\omega^{m_1+2}(\omega^{m_1-2} - 1)(1 + \omega^{m_2-1} + \omega^{2(m_2-1)})}{m_1 m_2^{k-1}}, \\
\zeta_3^{1,2}(1, \overline{k-1}) &= \sum_{m_1 > m_2 > 0} \frac{(1 - \omega)\omega^{m_1+1}(\omega^{m_1} - 1)(1 + \omega^{m_2-1} + \omega^{2(m_2-1)})}{m_1 m_2^{k-1}}, \\
\zeta_3^{2,0}(1, \overline{k-1}) &= \sum_{m_1 > m_2 > 0} \frac{(1 - \omega)\omega^{m_1}(\omega^{m_1+2} - 1)(1 + \omega^{m_2-1} + \omega^{2(m_2-1)})}{m_1 m_2^{k-1}}, \\
\zeta_3^{1,0}(1, \widetilde{k-1}) &= \sum_{m_1 > m_2 > 0} \frac{(1 - \omega)\omega^{m_1+2}(1 - \omega^{m_1-2})(1 + \omega^{m_2+1} + \omega^{2(m_2+1)})}{m_1 m_2^{k-1}}, \\
\zeta_3^{0,2}(1, \widetilde{k-1}) &= \sum_{m_1 > m_2 > 0} \frac{(1 - \omega)\omega^{m_1}(1 - \omega^{m_1+2})(1 + \omega^{m_2+1} + \omega^{2(m_2+1)})}{m_1 m_2^{k-1}}, \\
\zeta_3^{2,1}(1, \widetilde{k-1}) &= \sum_{m_1 > m_2 > 0} \frac{(1 - \omega)\omega^{m_1+1}(1 - \omega^{m_1})(1 + \omega^{m_2+1} + \omega^{2(m_2+1)})}{m_1 m_2^{k-1}}.
\end{aligned}$$



Using Corollary 4.12 and (4.15), we get the following sum formulas of double zeta values of level 3.

**Corollary 4.13.** *For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(j, k-j) &= 3\zeta_3(k), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(j, \overline{k-j}) &= \zeta_3^{2,0}(1, \overline{k-1}) + \zeta_3(\overline{k-1}, \tilde{1}) - \zeta_3(k-1, \tilde{1}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(j, \widetilde{k-j}) &= \zeta_3^{1,0}(1, \widetilde{k-1}) + \zeta_3(\widetilde{k-1}, \bar{1}) - \zeta_3(k-1, \bar{1}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(\bar{j}, k-j) &= \zeta_3(k-1, \bar{1}) - \zeta_3(\overline{k-1}, \bar{1}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(\bar{j}, \overline{k-j}) &= \zeta_3^{0,1}(1, \overline{k-1}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(\bar{j}, \widetilde{k-j}) &= \zeta_3^{2,1}(1, \widetilde{k-1}) + \zeta_3(\widetilde{k-1}, \tilde{1}) - \zeta_3(\overline{k-1}, \tilde{1}) + 3\zeta_3(\tilde{k}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(\tilde{j}, k-j) &= \zeta_3(k-1, \tilde{1}) - \zeta_3(\widetilde{k-1}, \tilde{1}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(\tilde{j}, \overline{k-j}) &= \zeta_3^{1,2}(1, \overline{k-1}) + \zeta_3(\overline{k-1}, \bar{1}) - \zeta_3(\widetilde{k-1}, \bar{1}) + 3\zeta_3(\bar{k}), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \zeta_3(\tilde{j}, \widetilde{k-j}) &= \zeta_3^{0,2}(1, \widetilde{k-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, taking all possible values of  $(a_1, a_2)$  in Corollary 4.6, we get the following weighted sum formulas of multiple  $L$ -values of level 3.

**Corollary 4.14.** *For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta(j, k-j) &= (k+1)\zeta(k), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta^{(3)}(\bar{j}, k-j) &= 2\zeta^{(3)}(\bar{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) - 2\zeta^{(3)}(\bar{1}, k-1) \\
&\quad + 2\zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, \bar{1}) - 2\zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, \tilde{1}) + (k-1)\zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{k}) + 2\zeta(k), \\
\sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{j}, k-j) &= 2\zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, \overline{k-1}) - 2\zeta^{(3)}(\tilde{1}, k-1) + 2\zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, \tilde{1}) \\
&\quad - 2\zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, \bar{1}) + (k-1)\zeta^{(3)}(\bar{k}) + 2\zeta(k),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^{j-1} \zeta^{(3)}(j, \overline{k-j}) + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^{j-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{j}, \widetilde{k-j}) = \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, \overline{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) \\
& \quad + \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, \overline{1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k-1}, \widetilde{1}) + k\zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k}), \\
& \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^{j-1} \zeta^{(3)}(j, \widetilde{k-j}) + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^{j-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{j}, \overline{k-j}) = \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, \overline{k-1}) \\
& \quad + \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, \widetilde{1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k-1}, \overline{1}) + k\zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k}), \\
& \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^{j-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{j}, \overline{k-j}) + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^{j-1} \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{j}, \widetilde{k-j}) = \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, k-1) - \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, \overline{k-1}) \\
& \quad + \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, k-1) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) + (k-1)\zeta(k) + \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k}) + \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k}).
\end{aligned}$$

Using Corollary 4.14 and (4.15), we get the following weighted sum formulas of double zeta values of level 3.

**Corollary 4.15.** *For an integer  $k$  with  $k \geq 3$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta_3(\widetilde{j}, \widetilde{k-j}) = (2\omega + 4) \left( \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, k-1) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) \right) \\
& \quad + (2\omega - 2) \left( \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, \overline{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, k-1) \right) \\
& \quad + (4\omega + 2) \left( \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, \overline{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) \right) \\
& \quad + (3k - 3)\zeta(k) + (3k - 3)\omega\zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k}) - (3k - 3)(\omega + 1)\zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k}), \\
& \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} 2^j \zeta_3(\widetilde{j}, \overline{k-j}) = (2\omega + 4) \left( \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, k-1) - \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, \overline{k-1}) \right) \\
& \quad + (2\omega - 2) \left( \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, k-1) \right) \\
& \quad + (4\omega + 2) \left( \zeta^{(3)}(\overline{1}, \widetilde{k-1}) - \zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{1}, \overline{k-1}) \right) \\
& \quad + (3k - 3)\zeta(k) + (3k - 3)\omega\zeta^{(3)}(\widetilde{k}) - (3k - 3)(\omega + 1)\zeta^{(3)}(\overline{k}).
\end{aligned}$$

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