

$$L = \underset{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ y \rightarrow a \\ z \rightarrow a}}{\text{Lt}} \frac{x^p (y^q - z^q) + y^p (z^q - x^q) + z^p (x^q - y^q)}{x^r (y^s - z^s) + y^r (z^s - x^s) + z^r (x^s - y^s)}$$

$$= \underset{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ y \rightarrow a \\ z \rightarrow a}}{\text{Lt}} \frac{\Sigma x^p (y^q - z^q)}{\Sigma x^r (y^s - z^s)}$$

where Σ denotes not the normal summation but the cyclic symmetric function. Eg.

$$\Sigma a(b-c) = a(b-c) + b(c-a) + c(a-b)$$

Now let $x = h_1 + a$; $y = h_2 + a$; $z = h_3 + a$.

So

$$L = \underset{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}}{\text{Lt}} \frac{\Sigma (h_1 + a)^p \left\{ (h_2 + a)^q - (h_3 + a)^q \right\}}{\Sigma (h_1 + a)^r \left\{ (h_2 + a)^s - (h_3 + a)^s \right\}}$$

$$= \underset{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}}{\text{Lt}} \frac{a^{p+q} \Sigma \left[\left(1 + \frac{h_1}{a} \right)^p \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{h_2}{a} \right)^q - \left(1 + \frac{h_3}{a} \right)^q \right\} \right]}{a^{r+s} \Sigma \left[\left(1 + \frac{h_1}{a} \right)^r \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{h_2}{a} \right)^s - \left(1 + \frac{h_3}{a} \right)^s \right\} \right]}$$

$$= \underset{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}}{\text{Lt}} \frac{a^{p+q-(r+s)} N}{D}$$

$$\text{where } N = \Sigma \left[\left(1 + \frac{h_1}{a} \right)^p \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{h_2}{a} \right)^q - \left(1 + \frac{h_3}{a} \right)^q \right\} \right]$$

$$D = \Sigma \left[\left(1 + \frac{h_1}{a} \right)^r \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{h_2}{a} \right)^s - \left(1 + \frac{h_3}{a} \right)^s \right\} \right]$$

Now

$$N = \Sigma \left[\left(1 + \frac{h_1}{a} \right)^p \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{h_2}{a} \right)^q - \left(1 + \frac{h_3}{a} \right)^q \right\} \right]$$

$$= \Sigma(AB)$$

where $A = \left(1 + \frac{h_1}{a} \right)^p$ and $B = \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{h_2}{a} \right)^q - \left(1 + \frac{h_3}{a} \right)^q \right\}$

Now applying binomial expansion on A

$$A = \left(1 + \frac{ph_1}{a} + \frac{p(p-1)h_1^2}{2a^2} + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)h_1^3}{6a^3} + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3)h_1^4}{24a^4} + \dots \right)$$

Applying binomial expansion on B

$$B = \left\{ \frac{q(h_2 - h_3)}{a} + \frac{q(q-1)(h_2^2 - h_3^2)}{2a^2} + \frac{q(q-1)(q-2)(h_2^3 - h_3^3)}{6a^3} + \frac{q(q-1)(q-2)(q-3)(h_2^4 - h_3^4)}{24a^4} + \dots \right\}$$

So

$$N = \Sigma(AB)$$

$$= \left(\frac{q}{a} \Sigma(h_2 - h_3) + \frac{q(q-1)}{2a^2} \Sigma(h_2^2 - h_3^2) + \frac{q(q-1)(q-2)}{6a^3} \Sigma(h_2^3 - h_3^3) + \dots \right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{pq}{a^2} \Sigma h_1(h_2 - h_3) + \frac{pq(q-1)}{2a^3} \Sigma h_1(h_2^2 - h_3^2) + \frac{pq(q-1)(q-2)}{6a^4} \Sigma h_1(h_2^3 - h_3^3) + \dots \right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{pq(p-1)}{2a^3} \Sigma h_1^2(h_2 - h_3) + \frac{pq(p-1)(q-1)}{4a^4} \Sigma h_1^2(h_2^2 - h_3^2) + \frac{pq(p-1)(q-1)(q-2)}{12a^5} \Sigma h_1^2(h_2^3 - h_3^3) + \dots \right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{pq(p-1)(p-2)}{6a^4} \Sigma h_1^3(h_2 - h_3) + \frac{pq(p-1)(p-2)(q-1)}{12a^5} \Sigma h_1^3(h_2^2 - h_3^2) + \frac{pq(p-1)(p-2)(q-1)(q-2)}{36a^6} \Sigma h_1^3(h_2^3 - h_3^3) + \dots \right)$$

+ Σ terms containing degrees more than 3 in h_1, h_2, h_3

Now, by expanding the following it can be found that

$$\Sigma h_1(h_2 - h_3) = \Sigma h_1^2(h_2^2 - h_3^2) = \Sigma h_1^3(h_2^3 - h_3^3) = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } \Sigma h_1^n(h_2^n - h_3^n) = 0.$$

$$\Sigma h_1(h_2^2 - h_3^2) = -\Sigma h_1^2(h_2 - h_3); \quad \Sigma h_1(h_2^3 - h_3^3) = -\Sigma h_1^3(h_2 - h_3); \quad \text{i.e. } \Sigma h_1^m(h_2^n - h_3^n) = -\Sigma h_1^n(h_2^m - h_3^m)$$

By taking all these in consideration we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 N &= (0 + 0 + 0 \dots\dots) \\
 &+ \left(0 + \frac{pq(q-1)}{2a^3} \Sigma h_1 (h_2^2 - h_3^2) + \Sigma \text{terms containing degrees more than 3 in } h_1, h_2, h_3 \right) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{pq(q-1)}{2a^3} \left\{ -\Sigma h_1 (h_2^2 - h_3^2) \right\} + \Sigma \text{terms containing degrees more than 3 in } h_1, h_2, h_3 \right) \\
 &+ \Sigma \text{ terms containing degrees more than 3 in } h_1, h_2, h_3 . \\
 &= \left(\frac{pq(q-p)}{2a^3} \left\{ \Sigma h_1 (h_2^2 - h_3^2) \right\} \right) + \Sigma \text{ terms containing degrees more than 3 in } h_1, h_2, h_3 \\
 &= \left(\frac{pq(q-p)}{2a^3} \left\{ \Sigma h_1 (h_2^2 - h_3^2) \right\} \right) + F(h_1, h_2, h_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $F(h_1, h_2, h_3)$ is a cyclic symmetrical expression in h_1, h_2, h_3 with degree more than 3.

Since $F(h_1, h_2, h_3)$ is a cyclic symmetrical expression in h_1, h_2, h_3 hence if we put either $h_1=h_2$ or $h_2=h_3$ or $h_3=h_1$ then we will surely get $F(h_1, h_2, h_3) = 0$ i.e. $(h_1 - h_2)(h_2 - h_3)(h_3 - h_1)$ is a factor of $F(h_1, h_2, h_3)$.

So we can write $F(h_1, h_2, h_3) = (h_1 - h_2)(h_2 - h_3)(h_3 - h_1) G(h_1, h_2, h_3)$

where $G(h_1, h_2, h_3)$ is a polynomial in h_1, h_2, h_3 . Also $G(h_1, h_2, h_3)$ does not have any constant term since $F(h_1, h_2, h_3)$ has a degree more than 3. So the least degree term of $G(h_1, h_2, h_3)$ is of degree 1 i.e. either h_1 or h_2 or h_3 .

So when $h_1=h_2=h_3=0$ then $G(h_1, h_2, h_3) = 0$ i.e. $\lim_{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}} G(h_1, h_2, h_3) = 0$.

Also on expanding it is found that

$$\Sigma h_1 (h_2^2 - h_3^2) = (h_1 - h_2)(h_2 - h_3)(h_3 - h_1)$$

So

$$N = \left(\frac{pq(q-p)}{2a^3} + G(h_1, h_2, h_3) \right) (h_1 - h_2)(h_2 - h_3)(h_3 - h_1)$$

Similarly

$$D = \left(\frac{rs(s-r)}{2a^3} + H(h_1, h_2, h_3) \right) (h_1 - h_2)(h_2 - h_3)(h_3 - h_1)$$

where $H(h_1, h_2, h_3)$ is a polynomial in h_1, h_2, h_3 .

So when $h_1=h_2=h_3=0$ then $H(h_1, h_2, h_3) = 0$ i.e. $\lim_{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}} H(h_1, h_2, h_3) = 0$.

Now substituting the values of N & D in L we get

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}} a^{p+q-(r+s)} \frac{\left(\frac{pq(q-p)}{2a^3} + G(h_1, h_2, h_3) \right)}{\left(\frac{rs(s-r)}{2a^3} + H(h_1, h_2, h_3) \right)} \\ &= a^{(p+q)-(r+s)} \frac{\lim_{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}} \frac{pq(q-p)}{2a^3} + \lim_{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}} G(h_1, h_2, h_3)}{\lim_{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}} \frac{rs(s-r)}{2a^3} + \lim_{\substack{h_1 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_2 \rightarrow 0 \\ h_3 \rightarrow 0}} H(h_1, h_2, h_3)} \\ &= a^{(p+q)-(r+s)} \frac{pq(q-p)}{rs(s-r)} = a^{(p+q)-(r+s)} \frac{pq(p-q)}{rs(r-s)} \end{aligned}$$

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