

# TWISTED ALEXANDER POLYNOMIALS OF $(-2, 3, 2n + 1)$ -PRETZEL KNOTS

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ABSTRACT. We calculate the twisted Alexander polynomials of  $(-2, 3, 2n + 1)$ -pretzel knots associated to their holonomy representations.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of twisted Alexander polynomials was introduced by Wada [W] and Lin [L] independently in 1990s. The definition of Lin is for knots in  $S^3$  and the definition of Wada is for finitely presented groups. The twisted Alexander polynomial is a generalization of the Alexander polynomial and is defined for the pair of a group and its representations. By Kitano and Morifuji [KM], it is known that Wada's twisted Alexander polynomials of the knot groups for any nonabelian representations into  $SL_2(\mathbb{F})$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  are polynomials. In this paper, by using the following definition due to Wada, we compute the twisted Alexander polynomials of  $(-2, 3, 2n + 1)$ -pretzel knots  $K_n$  depicted in Figure 1 associated to their holonomy representations  $\rho_m : G(K_n) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  given in following section.

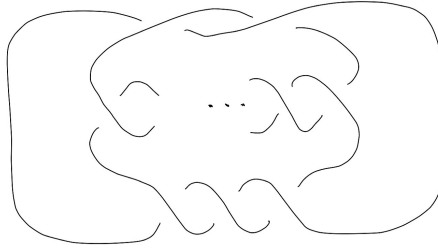


FIGURE 1.  $(-2, 3, 2n + 1)$ -pretzel knot

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $G(K) = \pi_1(S^3 \setminus K)$  be the knot group of a knot  $K$  presented by

$$G(K) = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_{n-1} \rangle.$$

Let  $\Gamma$  denote the free group generated by  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}G(K)$  the natural ring homomorphism. Let  $\rho : G(K) \rightarrow GL_d(\mathbb{C})$  be a  $d$ -dimensional linear representation of  $G(K)$  and  $\Phi : \mathbb{Z}\Gamma \rightarrow M_d(\mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}])$  the ring homomorphism defined by

$$\Phi = (\tilde{\rho} \otimes \tilde{\alpha}) \circ \phi,$$

where  $\tilde{\alpha} : \mathbb{Z}G(K) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle t, t^{-1} \rangle$  and  $\tilde{\rho}$  are respective ring homomorphisms induced by the abelianization  $\alpha : G(K) \rightarrow \langle t \rangle$  and  $\rho$ . We put

$$A_{i,j} = \Phi \left( \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j} \right),$$

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where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$  denotes the Fox derivative (or free derivative) with respect to  $x_j$ , that is, a map  $\mathbb{Z}\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\Gamma$  satisfying the conditions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} x_i = \delta_{ij}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} gg' = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} g + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} g',$$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  denotes the Kronecker symbol and  $g, g' \in \Gamma$ . Then, the twisted Alexander polynomial of  $K$  is defined by

$$\Delta_{K,\rho} = \frac{\det A_{\rho,k}}{\det \Phi(x_k - 1)},$$

where  $A_{\rho,k}$  is the  $2(n-1) \times 2(n-1)$  matrix obtained from  $A_\rho = (A_{i,j})$  by removing the  $k$ -th column, i.e.

$$A_{\rho,k} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,k-1} & A_{1,k+1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n-1,1} & \cdots & A_{n-1,k-1} & A_{n-1,k+1} & \cdots & A_{n-1,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $K$  is hyperbolic, i.e. the complement  $S^3 \setminus K$  admits a complete hyperbolic metric of finite volume, the most important representation is its holonomy representation into  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  which is a lift of the representation into the group of orientation-preserving isometries of the hyperbolic 3-space  $\mathbb{H}^3$ . In fact, the twisted Alexander polynomials of some hyperbolic knots associated to their holonomy representations are computed by Dunfield, Friedl and Jackson [DFJ]. Recently, the twisted Alexander polynomials of some infinite families of knots, twist knots and genus one two-bridge knots associated to their holonomy representations, are computed by Morifuji [Mo1] and Tran [T1] and genus one two-bridge knots associated to the adjoint representations of their holonomy representations is also computed by Tran [T2].

$(-2, 3, 2n+1)$ -pretzel knot is an infinite family of knots which contains the Fintushel-Stern knot i.e.  $(-2, 3, 7)$ -pretzel knot. It plays an important role in studying of exceptional surgeries of knots [Ma]. The A-polynomials of  $(-2, 3, 2n+1)$ -pretzel knot are computed by Tamura-Yokota [TY] and Garoufalidis-Mattman [GM].

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## 2. HOLONOMY REPRESENTATIONS

In this section, we give a presentation of knot group  $G(K_n)$  and its holonomy representation  $\rho_m : G(K_n) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ , where  $m$  represents the eigenvalue of the meridian of  $K_n$ .

Let  $L$  be the link depicted in Figure 2 and  $E = S^3 \setminus L$ . Then, the Wirtinger presentation (see [CF]) of  $\pi_1(E)$  is given by

$$\langle a, b, x \mid \{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1}x = xb\{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1}(axb)^{-1}xb, [x, axba(xb)^{-1}] = 1 \rangle,$$

where  $a, b$  and  $x$  is Wirtinger generators assigned to the corresponding pass depicted in Figure 2. Note that  $E_n := S^3 \setminus K_n$  is obtained from  $L$  by  $(-\frac{1}{n})$ -surgery along the trivial component, that is, removing the tubular neighborhood of the trivial component and re-gluing the solid torus again. Therefore, by the van Kampen theorem, we have

$$\pi_1(E_n) = \langle a, b, x \mid \{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1}x = xb\{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1}(axb)^{-1}xb, x = \{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^n \rangle.$$

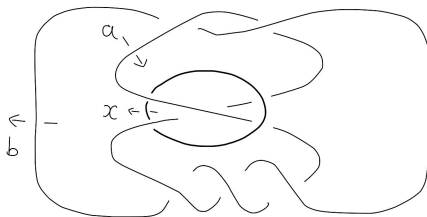


FIGURE 2. Link  $L$

**Proposition 2.1.** For a non-zero complex number  $m$ , there exists a representation  $\rho_m : \pi_1(E_n) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  such that

$$\rho_m(a) = \begin{pmatrix} m & -\frac{(m^2 - s)(s^{2n+1} + 1)}{m(s+1)} \\ 0 & m^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_m(b) = \frac{1}{s\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} \beta & -\frac{(s\alpha - m\beta)(ms\alpha - \beta)}{m\beta} \\ \beta & \frac{m(ms\alpha - \beta) + s\alpha}{m} \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\rho_m(x) = \begin{pmatrix} s^n & 0 \\ \frac{s^n - s^{-n}}{s^{2n+1} + 1} & s^{-n} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $s$  is a solution to

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 = & m^8(s-1)(s+1)^2(s^{2n} - s^2)s^{2n+2} \\ & - m^6\{s^{6n+3} + (2s^6 + s^5 - 4s^4 + s^3 + s^2 - s - 1)s^{4n+1} \\ & \quad - (s^6 + s^5 - s^4 - s^3 + 4s^2 - s - 2)s^{2n+2} + s^6\} \\ & + m^4\{(s^2+1)s^{6n+2} + (s^6 + 2s^5 - 3s^4 - 2s^3 + 6s^2 - 4s - 2)s^{4n+3} \\ & \quad - (2s^6 + 4s^5 - 6s^4 + 2s^3 + 3s^2 - 2s - 1)s^{2n} + (s^2+1)s^5\} \\ & - m^2\{s^{6n+3} + (2s^6 + s^5 - 4s^4 + s^3 + s^2 - s - 1)s^{4n+1} \\ & \quad - (s^6 + s^5 - s^4 - s^3 + 4s^2 - s - 2)s^{2n+2} + s^6\} \\ & + (s-1)(s+1)^2(s^{2n} - s^2)s^{2n+2} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\alpha, \beta$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha = & (s^2 - 1)s^{2n}\{-m^6(s-1)s^2(s^{2n+1} + 1) + m^4(s^{2n+2}(s^4 - 2s^2 + 3s - 1) + s^4 - 3s^3 + 2s^2 - 1) \\ & - m^2s(s^{2n}(2s^3 - s^2 + 1) - s(s^3 - s + 2)) + s^2(s^{2n} - s^2)\}, \\ \beta = & m^7s^{2n+2}(s^2 - 1)(s^3 + 1) \\ & - m^5s^3\{s^{4n}(s^3 - s^2 + 1) + s^{2n-2}(s-1)(s^3 + s + 1)(s^3 + s^2 + 1) - (s^3 - s + 1)\} \\ & + m^3s^2(s^3 + 1)(s^{2n} - 1)(s^{2n} + s^2) - ms^3(s^{2n} - s^2)(s^{2n} + s). \end{aligned}$$

In what follows, for simplicity, we denote the right hand side of (1) by  $r_0$ .

*Proof.* For simplicity, put  $A = \rho_m(a)$ ,  $B = \rho_m(b)$ ,  $X = \rho_m(x)$ . By the aid of Mathematica, we have

$$AXBA(XB)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} s & 0 \\ \frac{s^2 - 1}{s(s^{2n+1} + 1)} & \frac{1}{s} \end{pmatrix} + r_1 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m^3s(s^{2n+1} + 1)\alpha^2} & -\frac{1}{m^3s(s+1)\alpha^2} \\ \frac{1}{m^3s^2(s^{2n+1} + 1)^2\alpha^2} & -\frac{1}{m^3s^2(s^{2n+1} + 1)\alpha^2} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 = & -\alpha^2ms(m^2s^{2n+2} - m^2 - s^{2n+1} + s) + \alpha\beta(m^2 - 1)(m^2 + 1)s^{2n+1}(s+1) \\ & + \beta^2ms^{2n}(m^2s^{2n+1} - m^2s - s^{2n+2} + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{r_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (1), we have  $X = \{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\}^n$ , that is,  $\rho_m(x) = \rho_m(\{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^n)$ .

On the other hand, we can observe

$$AXB\{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\} \equiv XB X^{-1}\{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\}XB \pmod{r_0}$$

and so  $AXB\{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\} = XB X^{-1}\{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\}XB$  by (1). Further more, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} XB\{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\}^{-1}(AXB)^{-1}XB &= XB(AXB\{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\})^{-1}XB \\ &= XB(XB X^{-1}\{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\}XB)^{-1}XB \\ &= \{AXBA(XB)^{-1}\}^{-1}X \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $\rho_m(\{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1}x) = \rho_m(xb\{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1}(axb)^{-1}xb)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** Since the representation  $\rho_m$  comes from the holonomy representation obtained from the ideal triangulation of  $E$  given in [TY], the holonomy representation  $\rho_m$  of  $G(K_n)$  is given by the solution to (1) which maximizes the hyperbolic volume of  $S^3 \setminus K_n$ .

### 3. CALCULATION OF THE TWISTED ALEXANDER POLYNOMIAL

The following is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 3.1.** *The twisted Alexander polynomial of  $K_n$  associated to  $\rho_m$  is given by*

$$\Delta_{K_n, \rho_m}(t) = 1 + \sum_{i=0}^{2n-1} \lambda_i (t^{i+3} + t^{4n-i+3}) + t^{4n+6},$$

where

$$\lambda_i = \begin{cases} \frac{(1+m^2)(Hs^{i/2+1}\beta - s(s^{i/2+1} - s^{-(i/2+1)})(\eta_1 + \eta_2))}{Hm\beta} & \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq 2n-2 \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{s^{(i-1)/2} - s^{-(i-1)/2}}{s^{n-1} - s^{-(n-1)}} & \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq 2n-2 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{s - s^{-1}}{s - s^{-1}} - \frac{(s^2 - 1)\eta_1}{Hs^n\beta} & \text{if } i = 2n-1 \end{cases}$$

and we put

$$\begin{aligned} H &= 1 - m^2s + m^2s^{2n+1} - s^{2n+2}, \\ \eta_1 &= m\alpha - ms^{2n+1}\alpha + s^{2n}\beta + m^2s^{2n}\beta, \\ \eta_2 &= -ms\alpha + ms^{2n+1}\alpha - s^{2n}\beta - s^{2n+1}\beta. \end{aligned}$$

To prove Theorem 3.1, it suffices to show

**Proposition 3.2.** *For simplicity, we put  $S = s^n$  and  $T = t^n$ . The twisted Alexander polynomial  $\Delta_{K_n, \rho_m}(t)$  is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{S - T^2}{s - t^2} \frac{s}{S} \left( \frac{ms - mST^2 + (1+m^2)(1-s^2)StT^2}{m(1-s^2)t^2} + \frac{(1+m^2)(1-sSt^2T^2)(\eta_1 + \eta_2)}{Hmt^3\beta} \right) \\ & + \frac{1 - ST^2}{1 - st^2} \frac{s}{S} \left( \frac{(1+m^2)(1-s^2)S - mSt + mstT^2}{m(1-s^2)t^3} - \frac{(1+m^2)(sS - t^2T^2)(\eta_1 + \eta_2)}{Hmt^3\beta} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{t^6} + T^4 + \frac{(1-s^2)(1+t^2)T^2\eta_1}{HSt^4\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

By multiplying  $t^6$  and rearranging with respect to  $t$ , we obtain the formula of Theorem 3.1, when we use

$$\frac{S - T^2}{s - t^2} = \frac{S}{s} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \frac{t^2}{s} \right)^i, \quad \frac{ST^2 - 1}{st^2 - 1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (st^2)^i.$$

### 4. PROOF OF PROPOSITION 3.2

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1(E_n) &= \langle a, b, x \mid \{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1}x = xb\{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1}(axb)^{-1}xb, x = \{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^n \rangle \\ &= \langle a, c \mid (acac^{-1})^{n-1} = c(acac^{-1})^{-1}(ac)^{-1}c \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Then the twisted Alexander polynomial of  $K_n$  is given by

$$\Delta_{K_n, \rho_m}(t) = \frac{\det \Phi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (acac^{-1})^{n-1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial a} c(acac^{-1})^{-1}(ac)^{-1}c \right)}{\det \Phi(c-1)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Phi \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (acac^{-1})^{n-1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial a} c(acac^{-1})^{-1}(ac)^{-1}c \right) \\
(2) \quad &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} t^{2(i-1)} \rho_m \left( \{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{i-1} \right) \left\{ \rho_m(1) + t^{2(n+1)} \rho_m(axb) \right\} + t^{4n+1} \rho_m(xbxa^{-1}) \\
&+ t^{2n-1} \rho_m \left( xb \{axba(xb)^{-1}\}^{-1} \right) + t^{-3} \rho_m \left( xb \{axba(xb)^{-1}\} (axb)^{-1} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, we put

$$\gamma_1 = s\alpha - m\beta, \quad \gamma_2 = ms\alpha - \beta, \quad \gamma_3 = m^2s(sS^2 + 1)\alpha.$$

By the aid of Mathematica, the first term of the right hand side of (2) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} t^{2(i-1)} (AXBAXB)^{i-1} (E + t^{2(n+1)}AXB) \\
&= \left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{(ST^2 - st^2)(St^2\beta T^2 + m\alpha)}{mst^2(st^2 - 1)\alpha} & -\frac{T^2(ST^2 - st^2)(\gamma_1\eta_2 + (m\alpha - \beta)\gamma_3)}{m^2s(s+1)S(st^2 - 1)\alpha\beta} \\ \frac{mC_1\alpha - St^2T^2C_2\beta}{msS(sS^2 + 1)t^2(s - t^2)(st^2 - 1)\alpha} & \frac{C_3t^4T^4 + C_4t^2T^4 + C_5t^6T^2 + C_6t^4T^2 + C_7}{(s+1)S^2t^2(s - t^2)(st^2 - 1)\gamma_3\beta} \end{array} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
C_1 &= -t^4s(s^2 - 1)S - T^2\{t^2(S^2 - s^4) - s(S^2 - s^2)\}, \\
C_2 &= -t^2(t^2 - 1)s(s+1)S + T^2\{t^2(S^2 + s^3) + s(S^2 - s)\}, \\
C_3 &= (s^3 + S^2)\gamma_1\eta_2 - \{s^3(ms\alpha + \beta) - S^2(m\alpha - \beta)\}\gamma_3, \\
C_4 &= -s(s + S^2)\gamma_1\eta_2 + s\{s(ms\alpha + \beta) - S^2(m\alpha - \beta)\}\gamma_3, \\
C_5 &= -s(s+1)S\{\gamma_1\eta_2 + (\eta_1 + \eta_2 - (1 + m^2S^2 - sS^2)\beta)\gamma_3\}, \\
C_6 &= s(s+1)S\{s\alpha\eta_2 - m(s+1)S^2\beta\gamma_2\}, \\
C_7 &= s(s+1)S(st^2 - 1)(St^2 - sT^2)\beta\gamma_3.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the second term of the right hand side of (2) is given by

$$XBXBA^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{S^2D_1}{\gamma_3\alpha} & \frac{msD_1D_2 - (sS^2 + 1)(sS^2D_1 + m\gamma_3\alpha)\beta^2}{(s+1)\gamma_3\alpha\beta^2} \\ \frac{(s+1)D_2}{(sS^2 + 1)\gamma_3\alpha} & \frac{msS^2D_1D_2 + s(sS^2 + 1)(m^2s\alpha^2 - S^2\beta^2)D_2}{S^2(sS^2 + 1)\gamma_3\alpha\beta^2} - m \end{array} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
D_1 &= -(s+1)\alpha\gamma_2 + m(\eta_1 + \gamma_2 + mS^2\gamma_1)\beta, \\
D_2 &= -\alpha\eta_2 + mS^2(\eta_1 + mS^2\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)\beta,
\end{aligned}$$

the third term of the right hand side of (2) is given by

$$XB \{AXBAXB\}^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{SE_1}{ms(sS^2 + 1)\alpha\beta} & -\frac{S\gamma_1\gamma_2}{m\alpha\beta} \\ \frac{(s+1)E_2}{msS(sS^2 + 1)^2\alpha\beta} & \frac{E_3}{mS(sS^2 + 1)\alpha\beta} \end{array} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
E_1 &= (s^2 - 1)\alpha\gamma_2 + m(\eta_1 + mS^2\gamma_1 - s\gamma_2)\beta, \\
E_2 &= (s-1)\alpha\eta_2 + mS^2(\eta_1 + mS^2\gamma_1 - s\gamma_2)\beta, \\
E_3 &= -s\alpha\eta_2 + m(s+1)S^2\beta\gamma_2,
\end{aligned}$$

and the fourth term of the right hand side of (2) is given by

$$XB(AXBAXBAXBAXB)^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{mF_3}{\gamma_3^2\beta^2} & \frac{F_4}{m(s+1)\gamma_3\alpha\beta^2} \\ \frac{m(s^2 - 1)F_1F_2}{S^2(sS^2 + 1)\gamma_3^2\beta^2} & \frac{mF_5}{S^2\gamma_3^2\beta^2} \end{array} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1 &= m(s+1)S^2(\eta_1 + mS^2\gamma_1)\beta - \eta_2\alpha, \\
F_2 &= m(s+1)S^2(sS^2+1)\beta^2 - sF_1, \\
F_3 &= -\{m\beta(\eta_1 + mS^2\gamma_1) + s\gamma_1\gamma_2 - \gamma_2\alpha\}F_2 + ms(s+1)S^2(sS^2+1)\gamma_1\gamma_2\beta^2, \\
F_4 &= (s^2-1)\{m(\eta_1 + mS^2\gamma_1)\beta - \gamma_2\alpha\}F_2 \\
&\quad + \gamma_3\{m\gamma_2\alpha - (m^2\eta_1 + s^2\eta_2 + m^3S^2\gamma_1 - s^2(S^2-1)\gamma_2)\beta - ms\gamma_1\gamma_2\}\alpha, \\
F_5 &= (s-1)(sF_1 - m\gamma_3\alpha)F_2 - m^2S^2(sS^2+1)\gamma_3\alpha\beta^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the determinant of the right hand side of (2) is written as

$$\frac{\sum_{i,j} U_{i,j} t^i T^j}{m^3 S^2 t^6 (s-t^2)(st^2-1)\beta^2 \iota},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
U_{0,0} &= U_{4,0} = U_{6,0} = U_{2,4} = U_{10,4} = U_{6,8} = U_{8,8} = U_{12,8} = -m^3 s S^2 \beta^2 \iota, \\
U_{2,0} &= U_{10,8} = m^3 (s^2+1) S^2 \beta^2 \iota, \\
HU_{3,0} &\equiv HU_{9,8} \equiv -m^2 (m^2+1) s S^2 \beta (Hs\beta - (s^2-1)(\eta_1 + \eta_2)) \iota \pmod{r_0}, \\
U_{5,0} &\equiv U_{7,8} \equiv m^2 (m^2+1) s S^2 \beta^2 \iota \pmod{r_0}, \\
HU_{1,2} &\equiv HU_{11,6} \equiv m^2 (m^2+1) (s-1) s S \beta \eta_2 \iota \pmod{r_0}, \\
HU_{2,2} &= HU_{6,2} = HU_{8,2} = HU_{4,6} \equiv HU_{6,6} = HU_{10,6} \equiv m^3 (s^2-1) s S \beta \eta_1 \iota \pmod{r_1}, \\
HU_{3,2} &\equiv HU_{9,6} \equiv m^2 (m^2+1) (s-1) S \beta \{HsS^2\beta - s(sS^2+1)\eta_1 - (s^2S^2 + s^2+1)\eta_2\} \iota \pmod{r_0}, \\
H^2U_{4,2} &\equiv H^2U_{8,6} \\
&\equiv m(s-1) s S \{H^2 m^3 \alpha \beta + H(m^2+1)(m^2s+s+1)\beta \eta_2 - (m^2+1)^2 (s^2-1)\eta_2(\eta_1 + \eta_2)\} \iota \\
&\pmod{r_0}, \\
HU_{5,2} &\equiv HU_{7,6} \equiv -m^2 (m^2+1) (s-1) s S \beta \eta_2 \iota \pmod{r_0}, \\
HU_{7,2} &\equiv HU_{5,6} \equiv m^2 (m^2+1) (s-1) s S \beta (HS^2\beta - (sS^2+1)\eta_1 - (sS^2-1)\eta_2) \iota \pmod{r_1}, \\
H^2U_{3,4} &\equiv H^2U_{9,4} \equiv -m^2 (m^2+1) (s-1)^2 s (s+1) \eta_1 \eta_2 \iota \pmod{r_0}, \\
H^2U_{4,4} &= H^2U_{8,4} \\
&\equiv m \{H^2 m^2 (s^2-s+1) S^2 \beta^2 + (m^2+1)^2 (s-1)^2 s \eta_2 (-HS^2\beta + (sS^2+1)\eta_1 + sS^2\eta_2)\} \iota \\
&\pmod{r_1}, \\
H^2U_{5,4} &\equiv H^2U_{7,4} \\
&\equiv -(m^2+1) (s-1) s \{(s-1)\eta_2 (m^3 H\alpha + (m^2+1)\eta_2) + m^2 S^2 H\beta (H\beta - (s+1)(\eta_1 + \eta_2))\} \iota \\
&\pmod{r_0}, \\
H^2U_{6,4} &\equiv -2ms (HmS\beta - (m^2+1) (s-1)\eta_2) (HmS\beta + (m^2+1) (s-1)\eta_2) \iota \pmod{r_0},
\end{aligned}$$

where we put  $\iota = m^2 s^2 (s+1) S (sS^2+1)^3 \alpha^3 \beta$ , and the other  $U_{i,j}$ 's are 0.

On the other hand, by the aid of Mathematica,

$$\begin{aligned}
\det \Phi(c-1) &= \det \left( t^{2n+1} \rho_m(xb) - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&= \frac{mSH\beta + mSHt^2T^4\beta - (m^2+1)(s-1)tT^2\eta_2}{mSH\beta} - \frac{(S^2-1)tT^2}{mS(sS^2+1)H\alpha\beta} r_1 \\
&= \frac{mSH\beta + mSHt^2T^4\beta - (m^2+1)(s-1)tT^2\eta_2}{mSH\beta}.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have

$$(3) \quad \Delta_{K_n, \rho_m}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i,j} V_{i,j} t^i T^j}{Hm^2 S t^6 (s-t^2)(st^2-1)\beta},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{0,0} &= V_{4,0} = V_{6,0} = V_{4,4} = V_{6,4} = V_{10,4} = -Hm^2sS\beta, \\
V_{2,0} &= V_{8,4} = Hm^2(s^2 + 1)S\beta, \\
V_{3,0} &= V_{7,4} = m(m^2 + 1)sS\{(s^2 - 1)(\eta_1 + \eta_2) - Hs\beta\}, \\
V_{5,0} &= V_{5,4} = Hm(m^2 + 1)sS\beta, \\
V_{2,2} &= V_{8,2} = m^2s(s^2 - 1)\eta_1, \\
V_{3,2} &= V_{7,2} = m(m^2 + 1)(s - 1)s\{(s + 1)\eta_1 + \eta_2\} \\
V_{4,2} &= V_{6,2} = (s - 1)s\{(m^2 + 1)\eta_2 + Hm^3\alpha\}, \\
V_{5,2} &= -2m(m^2 + 1)(s - 1)s\eta_2,
\end{aligned}$$

and the other  $V_{i,j}$ 's are 0. By the aid of Mathematica, the difference between the right hand side of (3) and the formula in Proposition 3.2 is equal to

$$\frac{s\zeta_1 + t\zeta_2 - 2t^2\zeta_1 + t^3\zeta_2 + st^4\zeta_1}{Hm^2St^3(s+1)(s-t^2)(st^2-1)\beta}T^2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta_1 &= m(m^2 + 1)s(s + 1)(HS^2\beta - s(S^2 - 1)\eta_1 - (sS^2 - 1)\eta_2), \\
\zeta_2 &= Hm^2s(m\alpha - ms^2\alpha + s\beta + S^2\beta) - (s^2 - 1)(m^2\eta_1 + m^2s^3\eta_1 + s\eta_2 + m^2s\eta_2).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\zeta_1 = 0$  by the definition of  $H, \eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$  and that

$$\zeta_2 = m\{(m^2(s^2 - s + 1) - s)(s^3S^2 + 1) - Hs(s - 1)\}r_0 = 0.$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 3.2.

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