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Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{4\pi}{9}} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{9}} = \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{3} \left(-2 \sin \frac{4\pi}{9} + \sin \frac{\pi}{9} \right)$$

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$$\text{Let } \frac{\pi}{9} = A \text{ then } 9A = \pi, \sin 5A = \sin(9A - 4A) = \sin(\pi - 4A) = \sin 4A \quad (1)$$

$$L.H.S = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{4\pi}{9}} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{9}} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 4A} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 A} = \frac{\sin^2 A - \sin^2 4A}{\sin^2 4A \sin^2 A} = -\frac{\sin 5A \cdot \sin 3A}{\sin^2 4A \sin^2 A}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} -\frac{\sin 3A}{\sin 4A \sin^2 A} \stackrel{\frac{\pi}{9}=A}{=} -\frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\sin 4A \sin^2 A} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2 \sin 4A \sin^2 A}$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{3} \left(-2 \sin \frac{4\pi}{9} + \sin \frac{\pi}{9} \right) = \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{3} (-2 \sin 4A + \sin A)$$

We need to show:

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2 \sin 4A \sin^2 A} = \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{3} (-2 \sin 4A + \sin A) \text{ or}$$

$$-3 = 16 \sin^3 A \sin 4A - 32 \sin^2 A \sin^2 4A \quad (1)$$

$$16 \sin^3 A \sin 4A = 4(3 \sin A - \sin 3A) \sin 4A \stackrel{\frac{\pi}{9}=A}{=} 4 \left(3 \sin A - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \sin 4A =$$

$$= 12 \sin A \sin 4A - 2\sqrt{3} \sin 4A$$

$$= 6(\cos 3A - \cos 5A) - 2\sqrt{3} \sin 4A \stackrel{\frac{\pi}{9}=A}{=} 3 + 6 \cos 4A - 2\sqrt{3} \sin 4A$$

$$32 \sin^2 A \sin^2 4A = 8(2 \sin A \sin 4A)^2 = 8(\cos 3A - \cos 5A)^2 \stackrel{\frac{\pi}{9}=A}{=} 8 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \cos 5A \right)^2 =$$

$$= 2 - 8 \cos 5A + 8 \cos^2 5A \stackrel{\frac{\pi}{9}=A}{=} 2 + 8 \cos 4A + 8 \cos^2 4A = 6 + 8 \cos 5A + 4 \cos 8A$$

$$16 \sin^3 A \sin 4A - 32 \sin^2 A \sin^2 4A$$

$$= (3 + 6 \cos 4A - 2\sqrt{3} \sin 4A) - (6 + 8 \cos 4A + 4 \cos 8A)$$

$$= -3 - 2 \cos 4A - 2\sqrt{3} \sin 4A - 4 \cos 8A$$

$$= -3 - 4 \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos 4A + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin 4A \right) - 4 \cos 8A$$

$$\stackrel{\frac{\pi}{9}=A}{=} -3 - 4 \cos \left(\frac{4\pi}{9} - \frac{\pi}{3} \right) - 4 \cos \left(\frac{8\pi}{9} \right) = -3 - 4 \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{9} \right) - 4 \cos \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{9} \right)$$

$$= -3 - 4 \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{9} \right) + 4 \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{9} \right) = -3$$

so relation (1) is true