

Problem 11225

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Find

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^n \left(\frac{x \log(1 + x/n)}{1 + x} \right) dx.$$

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Letting $t = x/n$ the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^n \left(\frac{x \log(1 + x/n)}{1 + x} \right) dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{nt}{1 + nt} \cdot \log(1 + t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \log(1 + t) dt - \int_0^1 \frac{t}{1 + nt} \cdot \frac{\log(1 + t)}{t} dt \\ &= 2 \log(2) - 1 - \int_0^1 \frac{t}{1 + nt} \cdot \frac{\log(1 + t)}{t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as n goes to infinity then the remaining integral goes to zero because

$$0 \leq \int_0^1 \frac{t}{1 + nt} \cdot \frac{\log(1 + t)}{t} dt \leq \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1 + t)}{t} dt < \frac{1}{n}.$$

Actually $\int_0^1 \log(1 + t)/t dt = \pi^2/12$, but it suffices to note that since $\log(1 + t) < t$ for $t > 0$ then this integral is less than 1. Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^n \left(\frac{x \log(1 + x/n)}{1 + x} \right) dx = 2 \log(2) - 1.$$

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