

**Problem 11637**

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Let  $m \geq 1$  be a nonnegative integer. Prove that

$$\int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{1}{x} \right\}^m x^m dx = 1 - \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=1}^m \zeta(k+1).$$

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If  $n \leq 1/x < n+1$  then

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{x} \right\} = \frac{1}{x} - \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = \frac{1}{x} - n.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{1}{x} \right\}^m x^m dx &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{\frac{1}{n+1}}^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \frac{1}{x} - n \right)^m x^m dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n+1}}^{\frac{1}{n}} (1 - nx)^m dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(1 - nx)^{m+1}}{(m+1)n} \right]_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{n+1}} = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^{m+1}n} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{m+1}(n-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=1}^m \zeta(k+1) &= 1 - \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{k+1}} = 1 - \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{n^{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} - \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{n^{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} - \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^m - 1}{n^{m+1}(n-1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} - \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} + \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{m+1}(n-1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{m+1}(n-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

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