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Let $H_{n,2} = \sum_{k=1}^n 1/k^2$ and let $D_n = n! \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k/k!$. Prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n H_{n,2}}{n!} = \frac{\pi^2}{6e} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_n}{n!(n+1)^2}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n H_{n,2}}{n!} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \left(\frac{1}{e} - \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{6e} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{6e} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \sum_{n=0}^k \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{6e} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_k}{k!(k+1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

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