

Problem 11810

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Find

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n \left(\zeta(3) - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^3} \right)$$

where $H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n 1/k$.

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We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n \left(\zeta(3) - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^3} \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3} \sum_{n=1}^{k-1} H_n = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3} \sum_{n=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j} \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{j} \sum_{n=j}^{k-1} 1 = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{k-j}{j} \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{j} - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k-1}{k^3} \\ &= \zeta(2, 1) - \zeta(2) + \zeta(3) = 2\zeta(3) - \zeta(2) \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we used the famous identity of Euler $\zeta(2, 1) = \zeta(3)$. □