

Symbolic Evaluation of a Triple Zeta Collapse Integral

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Main Result

We evaluate the following triple integral:

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \ln(1 - x y z) / (1 - x(1 - y)(1 - z)) \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

The result is:

$$\zeta(5) - \zeta(2) * \zeta(3)$$

This represents a symbolic collapse of nested polylogarithmic structures.

Derivation Sketch

We expand the denominator using geometric series:

$$1 / (1 - x(1 - y)(1 - z)) = \sum x^n (1 - y)^n (1 - z)^n$$

Insert this into the integral and switch the order of summation:

$$\sum \iiint x^n (1 - y)^n (1 - z)^n \ln(1 - x y z) \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

Use expansion:

$$\ln(1 - x y z) = - \sum (x y z)^k / k$$

Substitute and evaluate the resulting nested sums and integrals.

This leads to:

$$\sum H_n / n^3 = \zeta(5) - \zeta(2) * \zeta(3)$$

Conclusion

This identity collapses a complex triple integral to a pure combination of zeta values.
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