

Solution (#1567) Let n be a positive integer. Note by #1566(ii) that

$$\int_n^{n+1} H_x \, dx = \int_n^{n+1} \left(H_{x-1} + \frac{1}{x} \right) dx = \int_{n-1}^n H_x \, dx + \ln \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right) dx.$$

Using the above we see

$$\int_{k-1}^k H_x \, dx = \int_0^1 H_x \, dx + \ln \frac{2}{1} + \ln \frac{3}{2} + \cdots + \ln \frac{k}{k-1} = \int_0^1 H_x \, dx + \ln k.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^n H_x \, dx &= \int_0^1 H_x \, dx + \int_1^2 H_x \, dx + \int_2^3 H_x \, dx + \cdots + \int_{n-1}^n H_x \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 H_x \, dx + \left(\int_0^1 H_x \, dx + \ln 2 \right) + \left(\int_0^1 H_x \, dx + \ln 3 \right) + \cdots + \left(\int_0^1 H_x \, dx + \ln n \right) \\ &= n \int_0^1 H_x \, dx + \ln n!. \end{aligned}$$

Now we showed in #1566(ii) that

$$H_x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{k(k+x)}.$$

Note, for a positive integer N , that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{x}{k(k+x)} \, dx &= \sum_{k=1}^N \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+x} \right) dx \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{k} - \ln \left(\frac{k+1}{k} \right) \right) \\ &= H_N - \ln(N+1) \end{aligned}$$

and this converges to γ as N tends to infinity. Finally we note

$$\left| \int_0^1 H_x \, dx - \int_0^1 \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{x}{k(k+x)} \, dx \right| = \int_0^1 \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{k(k+x)} \, dx \leq \int_0^1 \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{k^2} \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$$

which tends to zero as N tends to infinity. Thus we've shown

$$\int_0^1 H_x \, dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (H_N - \ln(N+1)) = \gamma$$

and from our earlier calculations can conclude that

$$\int_0^n H_x \, dx = n\gamma + \ln n!.$$