

## EVALUATION OF A CUBIC EULER SUM

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*Abstract.* In this paper we calculate the cubic series

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

and two related Euler Sums of weight 6 by a technique involving only the manipulation of series. We also provide a second approach of the computation involving special logarithmic integrals.

### Introduction

The quadratic series of Enrico Au-Yeung  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_n}{n} \right)^2$  appeared as Problem 4305 in The American Mathematical Monthly [1948, pp. 431] proposed by H. F. Sandham and a solution due to Martin Kneser involving manipulation of series and the use of logarithmic integral appeared in AMM [1950, pp. 267]. A recent paper [6] gave a new proof based on the calculation of a quadratic logarithmic integral combined with Abel's summation formula.

In this paper we provide two approaches of evaluating *the cubic Euler sum*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_n}{n} \right)^3$ . The first is by a technique involving only the manipulation of series and the second is similar to the technique involving the logarithmic integral in [6].

The closed form of linear Euler sums:

$$E(q, 1) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^q} = \left( 1 + \frac{q}{2} \right) \zeta(q+1) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{q-2} \zeta(j+1) \zeta(q-j), \quad \text{for } q \geq 2$$

is well known. We consider non-linear Euler sums involving the generalized Harmonic numbers  $H_n^{(m)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^m}$  of the form  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(m_1)} \dots H_n^{(m_k)}}{n^m}$ , where  $m_1, \dots, m_k$  and  $m$  are positive integers.  $W = m_1 + \dots + m_k + m$  is known as the weight of the non-linear Euler sum. In this paper we restrict our attention to non-linear Euler sums of weight 6 that are involved in the evaluation of *the cubic Euler sum*.

We mention that our results are not new and they exist in the mathematical literature. *The first Euler sum* in Theorem 2.2. can be evaluated by results proved in [3] and *the second Euler sum* Theorem 2.3. can be evaluated by the methods in [1] and [2].

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**1. The two main lemmas**

LEMMA 1.1. *The following equality holds:*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k(n+k)} = \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{1}{2}H_n^2 + \frac{1}{2}H_n^{(2)} + \zeta(2) - \frac{H_n}{n} \right).$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k(n+k)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{jk(n+k)} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \frac{1}{jk(n+k)} \tag{1.1}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{jk(n+k)} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2(n+j)} \tag{1.2}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j(k+j)(n+k+j)} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2(n+j)} \tag{1.3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{jk(n+k+j)} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2(n+j)} \tag{1.4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n+k}}{k(n+k)} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2(n+j)} \tag{1.5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n+k}}{k(n+k)} + \frac{1}{n} \left( \zeta(2) - \frac{H_n}{n} \right). \tag{1.6}$$

The explanations in the previous calculations are as follows:

- (1.1) Order of summation interchanged.
- (1.3) The change in variable  $k \mapsto k + j$  was made.
- (1.4) Used the symmetry of the summation with respect to  $k$  and  $j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j(k+j)(n+k+j)} &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(k+j)(n+k+j)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j(k+j)(n+k+j)} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(k+j)(n+k+j)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{jk(n+k+j)}. \end{aligned}$$

(1.5) We used the identity  $\frac{H_m}{m} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{j} - \frac{1}{m+j} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j(m+j)}$ . (H)

(1.6)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2(n+j)} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{nj^2} - \frac{1}{nj(n+j)} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \left( \zeta(2) - \frac{H_n}{n} \right)$ .

Again, the first series in (1.6) can be written as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n+k}}{k(n+k)} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_k}{k} - \frac{H_{n+k}}{n+k} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_{n+k} - H_k}{k} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{H_k}{k} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{k+j} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{H_k}{k} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+j} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{H_k}{k} = \frac{H_n^2 + H_n^{(2)}}{n}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

Thus, combining (1.6) and (1.7) the lemma is proved.  $\square$

LEMMA 1.2. *The following equality holds:*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{1}{k(n-k)} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{n^2} \left( H_n^{(2)} + \frac{2H_n}{n} - \frac{3}{n^2} \right),$$

where it is understood that the sum is nil when  $n = 1$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward from partial fraction decomposition.  $\square$

### 2. Two Euler sum of weight 6

LEMMA 2.1. *The following equality holds:*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n^4} = \frac{19}{6} \zeta(6) - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^5} = \zeta^2(3) - \frac{1}{3} \zeta(6).$$

*Proof.* Divide both sides of the identity in Lemma 1.2. by  $n^2$  and take the summation over  $n \geq 1$  and we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \left( H_n^{(2)} + \frac{2H_n}{n} - \frac{3}{n^2} \right) &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n^2 k^2 (n-k)^2} \\
 &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 m^2 (k+m)^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

where in the later step we made the change of variable  $n = m + k$  in the double summation. The double summation can be evaluated in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 m^2 (k+m)^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(m+k)^3 - m^3 - k^3}{k^3 m^3 (k+m)^3} \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3 m^3} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3 (k+m)^3} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^3 (k+m)^3} \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3 m^3} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m>k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k^3 m^3} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k>m \geq 1} \frac{1}{m^3 k^3} \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^3 k^3} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^6} = \frac{1}{3} \zeta(6).
\end{aligned}$$

These types of double summations are known in literature. It is a special case of the Tornheim double summations appearing in [4], [5].

Thus,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n^4} + \frac{2H_n}{n^5} - \frac{3}{n^6} \right) = \frac{1}{6} \zeta(6).$$

Rearranging the terms and substituting the value of  $E(5, 1)$  we get that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n^4} = \frac{19}{6} \zeta(6) - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^5} = \zeta^2(3) - \frac{1}{3} \zeta(6).$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.2.** *The first Euler sum. The following equality holds:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k^2}{k^4} &= 2\zeta(2)\zeta(4) - 2\zeta(3) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k^2} + 2\zeta(2) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k^3} - 4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k^5} + \frac{19}{6} \zeta(6) \\
&= \frac{97}{24} \zeta(6) - 2\zeta^2(3).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Dividing both sides of the identity in Lemma 1.1. with  $n^3$  and taking the summation over  $n \geq 1$  we have,

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2 + H_n^{(2)}}{n^4} + \zeta(2)\zeta(4) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^5} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{kn^3(n+k)}. \quad (1)$$

Using the partial fraction  $\frac{1}{n^3(n+k)} = \frac{1}{n^3k} - \frac{1}{n^2k^2} + \frac{1}{nk^2(n+k)}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{kn^3(n+k)} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3(n+k)} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k} \left( \frac{\zeta(3)}{k} - \frac{\zeta(2)}{k^2} + \frac{H_k}{k^3} \right) \\ &= \zeta(3) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k^2} - \zeta(2) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k^3} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k^2}{k^4}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Substituting the value from (2) in (1) and rearranging,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k^2}{k^4} = 2\zeta(2)\zeta(4) - 2\zeta(3) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k^2} + 2\zeta(2) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k^3} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k}{k^5} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k^{(2)}}{k^4}$$

and using the result from Lemma 2.1. along with the values of  $E(2,1), E(3,1)$  and  $E(5,1)$  we get the desired closed form.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.3.** *The second Euler sum. The following equality holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n H_n^{(2)}}{n^3} &= \frac{1}{6} \zeta(2)^3 - 4\zeta(2)\zeta(4) + 4\zeta(3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^2} - 4\zeta(2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^3} + 5 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^5} - \frac{19}{3} \zeta(6) \\ &= -\frac{97}{12} \zeta(6) + \frac{7}{4} \zeta(4)\zeta(2) + \frac{5}{2} \zeta(3)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \zeta(2)^3. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying both sides of Lemma 1.2. with  $\frac{H_n}{n}$  and taking the summation over  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^3} \left( H_n H_n^{(2)} + \frac{2H_n^2}{n} - \frac{3H_n}{n^2} \right) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{H_n}{nk^2(n-k)^2} \tag{2.1}$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{m+k}}{k^2 m^2 (m+k)} \tag{2.2}$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 m^2 j (m+k+j)} \tag{2.3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{m+k+j}{k^2 m^2 j^2 (m+k+j)} \tag{2.3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 m^2 j^2} = \frac{1}{3} \zeta(2)^3.$$

The explanations in the previous calculations are as follows:

(2.1) The change of variable  $n = m + k$  was made.

(2.2) Used the identity (H).

(2.3) Used the symmetry of the summation with respect to  $m, k$  and  $j$ .

Thus,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n H_n^{(2)}}{n^3} = \frac{1}{6} \zeta(2)^3 - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^4} + 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^5}$  and substituting the value of  $E(5, 1)$  and the first Euler sum from Theorem 2.2. completes the calculation.  $\square$

### 3. Proof of the main theorem

We are now ready to prove our main theorem.

THEOREM 3.1. *The cubic Euler sum. The following equality holds:*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_n}{n} \right)^3 = \frac{93}{16} \zeta(6) - \frac{5}{2} \zeta(3)^2.$$

*Proof.* Multiplying both sides of the identity in Lemma 1.1. by  $\frac{H_n}{n^2}$  and taking the summation over  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \left( \frac{1}{2} H_n^3 + \frac{1}{2} H_n H_n^{(2)} + \zeta(2) H_n - \frac{H_n^2}{n} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k H_n}{kn^2(n+k)}.$$

Due to the symmetry with respect to  $n, k$  in the double summation in the right hand side we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k H_n}{kn^2(n+k)} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k H_n}{kn^2(n+k)} + \frac{H_k H_n}{k^2 n(n+k)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k H_n}{k^2 n^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^2} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, rearranging the terms we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_n}{n} \right)^3 = \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^2} \right)^2 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n H_n^{(2)}}{n^3} - 2 \zeta(2) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^3} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^4},$$

and substituting the values of the first Euler sum from Theorem 2.2. and the second Euler sum from Theorem 2.3. along with the value of  $E(2, 1), E(3, 1)$  we get the desired closed form.  $\square$

### 4. A second approach

LEMMA 4.1. (A logarithmic integral) *For integers  $n \geq 1$  the following equality holds:*

$$\int_0^1 x^{n-1} \log^3(1-x) dx = -\frac{H_n^3 + 3H_n H_n^{(2)} + 2H_n^{(3)}}{n}.$$

*Proof.* We consider the Beta Function given by  $B(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1}(1-x)^{b-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$  defined over positive reals  $a, b > 0$ . Thus, when  $a = n \geq 1$  is a positive integer we calculate the third order partial derivative with respect to  $b$  of  $B(n, b)$  at  $b = 1$ . Using differentiation under the integration sign we have,

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^3}{\partial b^3} B(n, b) \right]_{b=1} = \left[ \int_0^1 x^{n-1} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial b^3} (1-x)^{b-1} dx \right]_{b=1} = \int_0^1 x^{n-1} \log^3(1-x) dx.$$

On the other hand,  $B(n, b) = \frac{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(n+b)} = \frac{(n-1)!}{b(b+1)\cdots(b+n-1)}$ .

Taking three successive logarithmic derivatives of  $B(n, b)$  with respect to  $b$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} B(n, b) &= -B(n, b) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{b+j} \right), \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial b^2} B(n, b) &= B(n, b) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(b+j)^2} + \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{b+j} \right)^2 \right), \\ \frac{\partial^3}{\partial b^3} B(n, b) &= -B(n, b) \left( 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(b+j)^3} + 3 \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{b+j} \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(b+j)^2} \right) + \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{b+j} \right)^3 \right). \end{aligned}$$

When  $b = 1$  we have

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^3}{\partial b^3} B(n, b) \right]_{b=1} = \int_0^1 x^{n-1} \log^3(1-x) dx = -\frac{H_n^3 + 3H_n H_n^{(2)} + 2H_n^{(3)}}{n}. \quad \square$$

**The second proof of Theorem 3.1.**

*Proof.* Dividing both sides of the identity in Lemma 4.1. by  $n^2$  and taking the summation over  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_n}{n} \right)^3 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n H_n^{(2)}}{n^3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(3)}}{n^3} &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^1 x^{n-1} \log^3(1-x) dx \\ &= - \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^2} \right) \frac{\log^3(1-x)}{x} dx \\ &= - \int_0^1 \frac{\text{Li}_2(x) \log^3(1-x)}{x} dx, \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where  $\text{Li}_k(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n^k}$  for,  $x \in (-1, 1)$ , is the Polylogarithmic function. Interchange of integration and summation can be justified by Tonelli’s theorem.

The Dilogarithm function admits the following reflection formula:

$$\text{Li}_2(x) + \text{Li}_2(1-x) = \zeta(2) - \log x \log(1-x). \tag{4}$$

Using (4) in the integral in (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 \frac{\text{Li}_2(x) \log^3(1-x)}{x} dx \\ &= - \int_0^1 \frac{\text{Li}_2(1-x) \log^3(1-x)}{x} dx + \zeta(2) \int_0^1 \frac{\log^3(1-x)}{x} dx - \int_0^1 \frac{\log x \log^4(1-x)}{x} dx \\ &= -I_1 + \zeta(2)I_2 - I_3. \end{aligned}$$

The first integral: Using  $\frac{\text{Li}_2(x)}{1-x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n^{(2)} x^n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\text{Li}_2(1-x) \log^3(1-x)}{x} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{\text{Li}_2(x) \log^3 x}{1-x} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n^{(2)} \int_0^1 x^n \log^3 x dx = -6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{(n+1)^4} = -6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n^4} + 6\zeta(6). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, substituting the value from [Lemma 2.1](#), we get,  $I_1 = -6\zeta(3)^2 + 8\zeta(6)$ .

The second integral:

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log^3(1-x)}{x} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{\log^3 x}{1-x} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^1 x^{n-1} \log^3 x dx = -6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = -6\zeta(4). \end{aligned}$$

The third integral: Using  $\frac{\log(1-x)}{1-x} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n x^n$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log x \log^4(1-x)}{x} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-x) \log^4 x}{1-x} dx \\ &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n \int_0^1 x^n \log^4 x dx = -24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{(n+1)^5} = -24 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^5} + 24\zeta(6). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the value of  $E(5, 1)$  we have  $I_3 = -18\zeta(6) + 12\zeta(3)^2$ .

Thus,

$$I = 10\zeta(6) - 6\zeta(3)^2 - 6\zeta(2)\zeta(4) = -\frac{1}{2}\zeta(6) - 6\zeta(3)^2.$$

Substituting the value of the *second Euler sum* from [Theorem 2.3](#) and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(3)}}{n^3} =$

$\frac{1}{2}\zeta(6) + \frac{1}{2}\zeta(3)^2$  along with the value of the integral  $I$  in (3) we get the desired result.



The sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(3)}}{n^3} = \frac{1}{2}\zeta(6) + \frac{1}{2}\zeta(3)^2$  is a special case of the summation formula

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \right)^2,$$

where we took  $a_n = \frac{1}{n^3}$ .  $\square$

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