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Prove that:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x(2x+1)(3x+1)} dx = -5Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{29}{2} \ln^2 2 + 8(\ln 2)(\ln 3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x(2x+1)(3x+1)} dx \stackrel{\substack{\text{---} \\ x \rightarrow x-1}}{=} \int_1^2 \frac{\ln x}{(x-1)(2x-1)(3x-2)} dx \stackrel{\substack{\text{---} \\ x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}}}{=} \int_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{x \ln x}{(1-x)(2-x)(3-2x)} dx \\ &= \int_1^{\frac{1}{2}} (\ln x) \left( \frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{2}{2-x} - \frac{6}{3-2x} \right) dx = \int_1^{\frac{1}{2}} (\ln x) \left\{ (1-x)^{-1} + \left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} - 2\left(1-\frac{2x}{3}\right)^{-1} \right\} dx \\ &= F(1) + F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 2F\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{here, } F(a) = \int_1^{\frac{1}{2}} (\ln x) (1-ax)^{-1} dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^{n-1} \int_1^{\frac{1}{2}} (\ln x) x^{n-1} dx$$

$$\text{Now, } \int_1^{\frac{1}{2}} (\ln x) x^{n-1} dx = \left[ (\ln x) \frac{x^n}{n} - \frac{x^n}{n^2} \right]_1^{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{\ln 2}{n2^n} + \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n^2 2^n}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } F(a) = \frac{1}{a} (\ln 2) \left(1 - \frac{a}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{a} Li_2(a) - \frac{1}{a} Li_2\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Note: } Li_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} - \frac{\ln^2 2}{2} \Rightarrow F(1) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} - \frac{\ln^2 2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2(\ln 2)(\ln 3) - 5\ln^2 2 + \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 2Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow F\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{3}{2} \ln^2 2 - \frac{3}{2} (\ln 2)(\ln 3) + \frac{3}{2} Li_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \frac{3}{2} Li_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \Rightarrow I = F(1) + F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 2F\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{12} - \frac{\ln^2 2}{2} + 2(\ln 2)(\ln 3) - 5\ln^2 2 + \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 2Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - 3\ln^2 2 + 3(\ln 2)(\ln 3) - 3Li_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 3Li_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{17\ln^2 2}{2} + 5(\ln 2)(\ln 3) - 2Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - 3\left(Li_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - Li_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)$$

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Now use the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned} Li_2(z) + Li_2(1-z) &= \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \ln(x)\ln(1-x) \underset{z=\frac{1}{3}}{\Rightarrow} Li_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + Li_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \ln^2 3 + (\ln 2)(\ln 3) \dots \dots \dots (A) \end{aligned}$$

$$Li_2(1-z) + Li_2(1-z^{-1}) = -\frac{\ln^2 z}{2} \underset{z=\frac{2}{3}}{\Rightarrow} Li_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + Li_2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = (\ln 2)(\ln 3) - \frac{\ln^2 2}{2} - \frac{\ln^2 3}{2} \dots \dots \dots (B)$$

$$Li_2(z) + Li_2(-z) = \frac{1}{2} Li_2(z^2) \underset{z=\frac{1}{2}}{\Rightarrow} Li_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + Li_2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \dots \dots \dots (C)$$

Now use, (A) - 2(B) + 2(C)

$$\Rightarrow Li_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - Li_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 2Li_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \ln^2 3 + (\ln 2)(\ln 3) - 2(\ln 2)(\ln 3) + \ln^2 2 + \ln^2 3 + Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Li_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - Li_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \ln^2 2 = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - (\ln 2)(\ln 3) + \ln^2 2 + Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Li_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - Li_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 2\ln^2 2 - (\ln 2)(\ln 3) + Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{17\ln^2 2}{2} + 5(\ln 2)(\ln 3) - 2Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - 3\left(2\ln^2 2 - (\ln 2)(\ln 3) + Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{29\ln^2 2}{2} + 8(\ln 2)(\ln 3) - 5Li_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$