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*Let :  $a \in R_{\geq 0}$  ;  $m, n, k, b \in Z^+$*

$$\text{Find} : S = \int_0^1 \left( x^k Li_n(x) + \frac{\ln^m(x)}{(1+x^a)^b} \right) dx$$

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$$\int_0^1 \left( x^k Li_n(x) + \frac{\ln^m(x)}{(1+x^a)^b} \right) dx = \int_0^1 x^k Li_n(x) dx + \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^m(x)}{(1+x^a)^b} dx = I_1 + I_2$$

*Working or  $I_1$*

$$I_2 = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^m(x)}{(1+x^a)^b} dx \quad y = x^a, \quad x = y^{1/a}, \quad dx = \frac{dy}{ay^{1-a}}$$

$$I_2 = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln^m(y^{1/a})}{(1+y)^b} \frac{dy}{ay^{1-a}} = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^m}{(1+y)^b y^{1-\frac{1}{a}}} \ln^m(y) dy$$

$$\text{Recall that : } (1+y)^b = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} y^t$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^m}{a} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} \int_0^1 y^t \frac{\ln^m(y)}{y^{1-\frac{1}{a}}} dy = a^{-m-1} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} \int_0^1 y^{t+\frac{1}{a}-1} \ln^m(y) dy \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{m+1} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} \underbrace{\int_0^1 y^{t+\frac{1}{a}-1} \ln^m(y) dy}_A \end{aligned}$$

*Working on A*

$$A = \int_0^1 y^{t+\frac{1}{a}-1} \ln^m(y) dy \quad \text{let : } \ln(y) = p \quad dy = -e^{-p}, \quad y = e^{-p} \quad [\infty; 0]$$

$$\int_{\infty}^0 (e^{-p})^{t+\frac{1}{a}-1} (-p)^m \cdot -e^{-p} dp = \int_0^{\infty} (-p)^m (e^{-p})^{(t+\frac{1}{a}-1+1)} dp = (-1)^m \int_0^{\infty} p^m e^{-p(t+\frac{1}{a})} dp$$

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$$\text{let } : p\left(t + \frac{1}{a}\right) = x \quad ; \quad p = \frac{x}{t + \frac{1}{a}} : dp = \frac{dx}{t + \frac{1}{a}} \quad [0; \infty]$$

$$A = (-1)^m \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{x}{t + \frac{1}{a}}\right)^m e^{-x} \frac{dx}{t + \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{(-1)^m}{(t + \frac{1}{a})^{m+1}} \int_0^\infty x^m e^{-x} dx = \frac{(-1)^m}{(t + \frac{1}{a})^{m+1}} \int_0^\infty x^{m+1-1} e^{-x} dx =$$

$$\frac{(-1)^m}{\left(t + \frac{1}{a}\right)^{m+1}} \Gamma(m+1) \quad \text{Note that:}$$

$$\int_0^\infty x^{m-1} e^{-x} = \Gamma(m) \quad \Gamma(m+1) = m\Gamma(m) \quad A = \frac{(-1)^m m\Gamma(m)}{\left(t + \frac{1}{a}\right)^{m+1}}$$

**Hence :**

$$I_2 = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{m+1} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} \underbrace{\int_0^1 y^{t+\frac{1}{a}-1} \ln^m(y) dy}_A = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{m+1} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} \frac{(-1)^m m\Gamma(m)}{\left(t + \frac{1}{a}\right)^{m+1}} dy =$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{t + \frac{1}{a}}\right)^{m+1} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} (-1)^m m\Gamma(m) = \left(\frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{at+1}\right)^{m+1} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} (-1)^m m\Gamma(m) =$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{at+1}\right)^{m+1} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} (-1)^m m\Gamma(m) = (-1)^m m\Gamma(m) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} \frac{1}{(at+1)^{m+1}}$$

$$I_2 = (-1)^m m\Gamma(m) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} \frac{1}{(at+1)^{m+1}}$$

**Working on  $I_1$**

$$I_1 = \int_0^1 x^k Li_n(x) dx \quad u = Li_n(x), \quad \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{Li_{n-1}(x)}{x}, \quad dv = x^k, \quad v = \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^1 x^k Li_n(x) dx \\ &= \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1} Li_n(x) \Big|_0^1 \\ &\quad - \int_0^1 \frac{Li_{n-1}(x)x^{k+1}}{(k+1)x} dx = \frac{\zeta(n)}{k+1} - \frac{1}{k+1} \left[ \frac{Li_{n-1}(x)x^{k+1}}{k+1} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{k+1} \int_0^1 x^k Li_{n-2}(x) dx \right] = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{\zeta(n)}{k+1} - \frac{\zeta(n)}{(k+1)^2} + \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{\zeta(2)}{(k+1)^{n-1}} + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{H_{k+1}}{(k+1)^n} \\ &= \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{p-1} \frac{\zeta(n-p+1)}{(k+1)^p} + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{H_{k+1}}{(k+1)^n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_1 + I_2 = \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{p-1} \frac{\zeta(n-p+1)}{(k+1)^p} + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{H_{k+1}}{(k+1)^n} \\ &\quad + (-1)^m m \Gamma(m) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-b}{t} \frac{1}{(at+1)^{m+1}} \end{aligned}$$