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Compute:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} - n^2 \int_0^1 x^3(1-x^2)^n dx \right)$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru, Claudia Nănuți.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x^3(1-x^2)^n dx &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^3 y \cos^{2n} y \cdot \cos y dy = \\ & \quad x = \sin y \Rightarrow dx = \cos y dy \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin y \cdot \sin^2 y \cdot \cos^{2n+1} y dy = \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin y (1 - \cos^2 y) \cos^{2n+1} y dy = \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin y \cos^{2n+1} y dy - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin y \cos^{2n+3} y dy = \\ & \quad = -\frac{\cos^{2n+2} y}{2n+2} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} + \frac{\cos^{2n+4} y}{2n+4} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2n+2} - \frac{1}{2n+4} = \frac{2n+4-2n-2}{(2n+2)(2n+4)} = \frac{1}{2(n+1)(n+2)} \\ & \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} - n^2 \int_0^1 x^3(1-x^2)^n dx \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{n^2}{2(n+1)(n+2)} \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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