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Find a closed form:

$$\sum_{m=3}^{\infty} \sum_{n=2}^{m-1} \frac{H_{n-1} 2^{-m}}{n(m-n)}, \quad \text{where } H_k \text{ is the } k\text{-th harmonic number}$$

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$$I = \sum_{1 < n < m < \infty} \sum_{n=2}^{m-1} \frac{H_{n-1} 2^{-m}}{n(m-n)} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-1}}{n} \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-m}}{(m-n)} \stackrel{\text{C}}{=} \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-1}}{n 2^n} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-k}}{k} \right)$$

$$\text{Use, } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-k}}{k} = -\ln(1 - 2^{-1}) = \ln 2$$

$$\text{Now, } -\ln(1 - y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{y^k}{k} \Rightarrow -\frac{\ln(1 - y)}{1 - y} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} H_{n-1} y^{n-1}$$

Integrate w.r.t y from y = 0 to y = x

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ln^2(1 - x)}{2} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-1}}{n} x^n \stackrel{\text{C}}{=} \frac{\ln^2 2}{2} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-1}}{n 2^n} \Rightarrow I = \left( \frac{\ln^2 2}{2} \right) (\ln 2) = \frac{1}{2} (\ln 2)^3$$