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If $f(x) = y$, $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = x \cdot e^{-x^2}$, $y(0) = 1$ prove then:

$$\int_0^{\infty} x \cdot \ln(x) \cdot f(x) dx = \frac{1 - 3\gamma}{8}$$

where γ is the Euler – Mascheroni constant

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = x \cdot e^{-x^2} \quad \text{IF method} \rightarrow \mu(x) = e^{\int 2x dx} = e^{x^2}$$

$$\mu(x) \cdot \left(\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy \right) = x \cdot e^{-x^2} \mu(x) \rightarrow \underbrace{\mu(x) \left(\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy \right)}_{\frac{d}{dx}(\mu(x)y)} = x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^2} y) = x \rightarrow e^{x^2} y = \int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + C \rightarrow y = \frac{x^2}{2} e^{-x^2} + C \cdot e^{-x^2}$$

$$y(0) = 1 \rightarrow y(0) = C = 1 \quad C = 1$$

$$y = f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} e^{-x^2} + e^{-x^2}$$

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} x \ln(x) \cdot f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^3}{2} e^{-x^2} + x e^{-x^2} \right) \ln(x) dx \stackrel{x^2=t}{\cong}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^{\infty} t \cdot e^{-t} \ln(t) dt + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \ln(t) dt = \frac{I_1}{8} + \frac{I_2}{4}$$

Note: Gamma function integral $\int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} e^{-x} dx = \Gamma(n)$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} e^{-x} \ln(x) dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow n} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \int_0^{\infty} x^{a-1} e^{-x} dx = \Gamma'(n)$$

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\infty} t \cdot e^{-t} \ln(t) dt = \Gamma'(2) = 1 - \gamma, \quad I_2 = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \ln(t) dt = \Gamma'(1) = -\gamma$$

Note: $\Gamma(n+1) = n \cdot \Gamma(n)$, $\Gamma'(1) = -\gamma$, $\Gamma'(2) = 1 + \Gamma'(1) = 1 - \gamma$

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$$I = \frac{1}{8}I_1 + \frac{1}{4}I_2 = \frac{1}{8}(1 - \gamma) - \frac{1}{4}\gamma = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3\gamma}{4} = \frac{1 - 3\gamma}{8}$$

$$\textit{Therefore } \int_0^{\infty} x \cdot \ln(x) \cdot f(x) dx = \frac{1 - 3\gamma}{8}$$