

Problem 20)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty \ln(1 + e^{-x}) dx &= \int_0^\infty \left[\sum_{n=1}^\infty (-1)^{n+1} e^{-nx}/n \right] dx = \sum_{n=1}^\infty (-1)^n n^{-2} e^{-nx} \Big|_{x=0}^\infty \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty (-1)^{n+1}/n^2 = \pi^2/12.\end{aligned}\quad (\text{G\&R 4.223-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty \ln(1 - e^{-x}) dx &= - \int_0^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty (e^{-nx}/n) dx = \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{-2} e^{-nx} \Big|_{x=0}^\infty \\ &= - \sum_{n=1}^\infty 1/n^2 = -\pi^2/6.\end{aligned}\quad (\text{G\&R 4.223-2})$$
