

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k(k+2)}$$

解答

$$\frac{1}{k(k+2)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+2} \right) \quad \left[\frac{1}{AB} = \frac{1}{B-A} \left(\frac{1}{A} - \frac{1}{B} \right) \right]$$

であるから、

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+2} \right) \quad [\Sigma(a_k - a_{k+2}) \text{の形}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \cdots + \left(\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{3}{2} - \frac{2n+3}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3n^2+5n}{2n(n+1)(n+2)} \\ &= \frac{n(3n+5)}{4n(n+1)(n+2)} \quad \dots \text{(答)} \end{aligned}$$