

一个常见定积分问题

$$I = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x)}{1+x^2} dx$$

1.

Let I denote the integral we wish to compute. The function $f(x) = \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^2+1}$ does not have an elementary antiderivative. We will use Taylor series to compute I . We can find the Taylor series for the function $\frac{\ln(x+1)}{x^2+1}$ using the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(x+1) &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \\ \frac{1}{1+x^2} &= 1 - x^2 + x^4 - \dots\end{aligned}$$

These formulas aren't good everywhere, but they do hold in $(0, 1)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots\right) (1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots) \\ &= x + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1\right)x^3 + \left(-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right)x^4 + \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} + 1\right)x^5 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

In particular, an antiderivative is given by

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x^3 + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{3} - 1\right)x^4 + \frac{1}{5}\left(-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right)x^5 + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} + 1\right)x^6 + \dots$$

The definite integral I is given by $F(1)$, i.e., the sum

$$I = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{3} - 1\right) + \frac{1}{5}\left(-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} + 1\right) + \dots$$

Now we use the facts that

$$\begin{aligned}1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots &= \frac{\pi}{4} \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots &= \ln(2),\end{aligned}$$

from the Taylor series for $\tan^{-1}(x)$ and $\ln(x+1)$ respectively. Notice that in the above sum, every number of the form $\frac{1}{r \cdot s}$, where r is even and s is odd, occurs exactly once, with a positive sign if $r + s \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and a negative sign if $1 \pmod{4}$. Therefore, it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned}I &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi \ln(2)}{8}.\end{aligned}$$

2.

换元 令 $y = \tan t$

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \ln(1 + \tan t) dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \ln \left(\frac{\cos t + \sin t}{\cos t} \right) dt$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} \sin \left(t + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)}{\cos t} \right) dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \ln \sqrt{2} + \ln \left(\sin \left(t + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right) - \ln(\cos t) dt$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{8} \ln 2 + I_1 - I_2, I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \ln \left(\sin \left(t + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right) dt, \text{ 令 } \frac{\pi}{4} - t = u, \text{ 则 } I_1 = I_2$$

$$\text{故 } I = \frac{\pi}{8} \ln 2$$

3.

$$I = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1 + \alpha x) - \ln(1 - \beta x)}{1 + x^2} dx. \text{ 其中 } \alpha = 1, \beta = 0$$

$$\text{则 } I = \int_{\beta}^{\alpha} dy \int_0^1 \frac{x}{(1 + xy)(1 + x^2)} dx = \int_{\beta}^{\alpha} \frac{1}{1 + y^2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} y + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 - \ln(1 + y) \right) dy$$

$$\text{将 } \alpha = 1, \beta = 0 \text{ 带入计算得 } I = \frac{\pi}{8} \ln 2$$

4.

$$\text{换元, 令 } x = \frac{1 - t}{1 + t}, \text{ 得 } I = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1 - t}{1 + t} \right)}{1 + t^2} dt,$$

$$\text{即 } I = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln 2}{1 + t^2} dt - I, I = \frac{\pi}{8} \ln 2$$

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