

Calculus Q.2

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1 Question

Evaluate the Integral:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{(x^2 - 1) \ln x}{1 + x^6} dx$$

2 Solution

Taking Substitution,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \tan^{1/3} \theta \\ dx &= \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-2/3} \theta \sec^2 \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

The Integral Becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(\tan^{2/3} \theta - 1) \ln(\tan \theta)}{1 + \tan^2 \theta} \left(\frac{\tan^{-2/3} \theta \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{3} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \tan^{-2/3} \theta) \ln \tan \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

We know the Formula,

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \tan^n(x) \log(\tan(x)) dx = \pi^2 \sin^3 \left(\frac{\pi n}{2} \right) \csc^2(\pi n)$$

[For $-1 < n < 1$]

Using this, and Splitting the Integral,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I &= \frac{1}{9} \left[\int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\tan \theta) d\theta - \int_0^{\pi/2} (\tan^{-2/3} \theta) \ln(\tan \theta) d\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \left[0 - \pi^2 \sin^3 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) \csc^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the final answer is:

$$\boxed{I = \frac{\pi^2}{6\sqrt{3}}}$$