

Proposed Solution to #5744 SSMJ

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Statement of the Problem:

Show that:

$$\left(\int_1^\infty \frac{\cos(\ln x^2)}{x^2 \sqrt{\ln x}} dx \right)^2 + \left(\int_1^\infty \frac{\sin(\ln x^2)}{x^2 \sqrt{\ln x}} dx \right)^2 = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Solution of the Problem:

Let us begin by considering the first integral. The second integral has a similar solution :

$$I_1 = \left(\int_1^\infty \frac{\cos(\ln x^2)}{x^2 \sqrt{\ln x}} dx \right)$$

Since $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$, we have $\operatorname{Re}\{e^{i\theta}\} = \cos \theta$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\int_1^\infty \frac{e^{i \ln x^2}}{x^2 \sqrt{\ln x}} dx \right) \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\int_1^\infty \frac{x^{2i}}{x^2 \sqrt{\ln x}} dx \right) \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\int_1^\infty x^{2i-2} (\ln x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Now, make a u-substitution with $u = \ln x$. Then, $e^u = x$ which implies $dx = e^u du$. At $x=1$, $u=0$ and at $x=\infty$, $u = \infty$.

$$= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty e^{u(2i-2)} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^u du \right) \right\}$$

$$= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-u(1-2i)} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du \right) \right\}$$

Now, we know,

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-st} t^{m-1} dt = \frac{\Gamma(m)}{s^m}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-u(1-2i)} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du \right) \right\} &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{(1-2i)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}}i \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\sqrt{5})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Say $\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ and $\sin \alpha = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}}$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\sqrt{5})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(1/2) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha}}{(\sqrt{5})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(1/2) \cos(-\frac{1}{2}\alpha)}{(\sqrt{5})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(1/2) \cos(\frac{\alpha}{2})}{(\sqrt{5})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\cos(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$, we have $\cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos(\alpha)}{2}}$. Thus,

$$\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2\sqrt{5}}}$$

Hence,

$$I_1 = \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{(\sqrt{5})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2\sqrt{5}}}$$

Using $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$,

$$I_1^2 = \frac{\pi(\sqrt{5} + 1)}{10}$$

Now, using the fact that $\sin(\theta) = \text{Im}\{e^{i\theta}\}$ and with similar procedure, we evaluate second integral to get:

$$I_2^2 = \frac{\pi(\sqrt{5} - 1)}{10}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1^2 + I_2^2 &= \frac{\pi(\sqrt{5} - 1)}{10} + \frac{\pi(\sqrt{5} + 1)}{10} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{5}} \end{aligned}$$

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