

Proposed Solution to #5768 SSMJ

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Statement of the Problem:

Calculate the integral :

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

Solution of the Problem:

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(x) \ln^2(x)}{x^2 + x + 1} dx$$

Substitute x by 1/x, we get

$$I_2 = \int_{\infty}^0 \frac{\arctan(1/x)(-\ln(x))^2}{1 + x + x^2} x^2 \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\operatorname{arccot}(x) \ln^2(x)}{x^2 + x + 1} dx$$

Adding I_1 and I_2 and using the property that $\arctan(x) + \operatorname{arccot}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$,

$$2I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\arctan(x) + \operatorname{arccot}(x)) \ln^2(x)}{x^2 + x + 1} = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln^2(x)}{x^2 + x + 1} dx$$

Now, to find $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln^2(x)}{x^2 + x + 1} dx$, we solve the integral $J(a) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^a}{x^2 + x + 1} dx$,

and then calculate $J'(0)$

$$J(a) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^a}{x^2 + x + 1} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x^a}{x^2 + x + 1} dx$$

Substituting x as 1/x in the second integral

$$J(a) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^a}{x^2 + x + 1} dx + \int_1^0 \frac{x^{-a}}{1 + x + x^2} x^2 \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x^a + x^{-a}}{x^2 + x + 1} dx$$

$$\text{Further, } J(a) = \int_0^1 \frac{(x^a + x^{-a})(1-x)}{1-x^3} dx$$

Substitute x as $x^{\frac{1}{3}}$,

$$J(a) = \int_0^1 \frac{(x^{\frac{a}{3}} + x^{\frac{-a}{3}})(1-x^{\frac{1}{3}})}{1-x} \frac{x^{\frac{-2}{3}}}{3} dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\frac{a-2}{3}} + x^{\frac{-a-2}{3}} - x^{\frac{a-1}{3}} - x^{\frac{-a-1}{3}}}{1-x} dx$$

$$J(a) = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{1-x^{\frac{-a-1}{3}}}{1-x} + \frac{1-x^{\frac{a-1}{3}}}{1-x} - \frac{1-x^{\frac{a-2}{3}}}{1-x} - \frac{1-x^{\frac{-a-2}{3}}}{1-x} dx$$

Using $\psi(a+1) + \gamma = \int_0^1 \frac{1-x^a}{1-x} dx$, where γ is euler mascheroni constant,

$$J(a) = \frac{1}{3} \left[\psi\left(\frac{-a+2}{3}\right) + \psi\left(\frac{a+2}{3}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{a+1}{3}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{-a+1}{3}\right) \right]$$

$$J(a) = \frac{1}{3} \left[\psi\left(1 - \frac{a+1}{3}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{a+1}{3}\right) - \left[\psi\left(1 - \frac{a+2}{3}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{a+2}{3}\right) \right] \right]$$

Using the reflection property of digamma function, $\psi(1-x) - \psi(x) = \pi \cot(\pi x)$,

$$J(a) = \frac{1}{3} \left[\pi \cot\left(\pi\left(\frac{a+1}{3}\right)\right) - \pi \cot\left(\pi\left(\frac{a+2}{3}\right)\right) \right]$$

$$J'(a) = \frac{\pi}{3} \left[-\operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\pi\left(\frac{a+1}{3}\right)\right) \frac{\pi}{3} + \operatorname{cosec}^2\left(\pi\left(\frac{a+2}{3}\right)\right) \frac{\pi}{3} \right]$$

$$J''(a) = \frac{\pi^2}{9} \left[(-2\operatorname{cosec}(\pi(\frac{a+1}{3}))) (-\operatorname{cosec}(\pi(\frac{a+1}{3})) \cot(\pi(\frac{a+1}{3}))) \frac{\pi}{3} + \right.$$

$$\left. (2\operatorname{cosec}(\pi(\frac{a+2}{3}))) (-\operatorname{cosec}(\pi(\frac{a+2}{3})) \cot(\pi(\frac{a+2}{3}))) \frac{\pi}{3} \right]$$

$$J''(0) = \frac{2\pi^3}{27} \left[\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right]$$

$$J''(0) = \frac{16\pi^3}{81\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Using } 2I = \frac{\pi}{2} J''(0), \text{ we get } I = \frac{\pi}{4} \times \frac{16\pi^3}{81\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4\pi^4}{81\sqrt{3}}$$