

Evaluate:

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{x}{\sin x} dx \quad J = \int_0^1 \frac{(\arcsin x)(\arccos x)}{x} dx \quad K = \int_0^1 \frac{\arcsin^2 x}{x} dx$$

We treat  $I$  as a complex line integral and write

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2iz}{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}} dz = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2ize^{iz}}{e^{2iz} - 1} dz = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2ize^{iz}}{(e^{iz} - 1)(e^{iz} + 1)} dz \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{iz}{e^{iz} - 1} + \frac{iz}{e^{iz} + 1} dz = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{ize^{-iz}}{1 - e^{-iz}} + \frac{ize^{-iz}}{1 + e^{-iz}} dz \\ &= [z \operatorname{Log}(1 - e^{-iz})]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{Log}(1 - e^{-iz}) dz - [z \operatorname{Log}(1 + e^{-iz})]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \operatorname{Log}(1 + e^{-iz}) dz \end{aligned}$$

and we take the principal branches  $\operatorname{Log}(1 - e^{-iz})$  and  $\operatorname{Log}(1 + e^{-iz})$  to be our antiderivatives since they are defined on  $(a, \pi/2)$  as  $a \rightarrow 0^+$  (when  $z \in (a, \pi/2)$ ,  $1 - e^{-iz}$  represents the circular arc from  $a \approx 0$  to  $1 + i$  and  $1 + e^{-iz}$  represents the circular arc from  $1 + e^{-ia} \approx 2$  to  $1 - i$ , both of which are contained in the domain of  $\operatorname{Log} z$ ). Using L'Hopital's rule,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \log(1 - e^{-iz}) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1 - e^{-iz})}{1/z} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{iz^2 e^{-iz}}{1 - e^{-iz}}$ , but since  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^2}{1 - e^{-iz}} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{2z}{ie^{-iz}} = 0$ , it follows that the original limit is also 0. Substitute  $u = e^{-iz}$  and  $u = -e^{-iz}$  in the first and second integrals respectively.

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \operatorname{Log}(1 + i) - i \lim_{b \rightarrow 1} \int_b^{-i} \frac{\operatorname{Log}(1 - u)}{u} du - \frac{\pi}{2} \operatorname{Log}(1 - i) + i \int_{-1}^i \frac{\operatorname{Log}(1 - u)}{u} du$$

where the analyticity of  $\operatorname{Log}(1 - u)/u$  on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [1, \infty)$  ensures the two above integrals are path independent (note  $u = 0$  is a removable singularity, and to see why  $[1, \infty)$  is the branch cut, recall  $\operatorname{Log}(u - 1)$  has branch cut  $(-\infty, -1]$  with argument  $\pm\pi$  above and below the branch cut respectively, so  $\operatorname{Log}(1 - u)$  will have branch cut  $[1, \infty)$  with argument  $\mp\pi$  above and below the branch cut respectively).

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + \frac{i\pi}{4} \right) + i \lim_{b \rightarrow 1} (\operatorname{Li}_2(-i) - \operatorname{Li}_2(b)) - \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 - \frac{i\pi}{4} \right) - i (\operatorname{Li}_2(i) - \operatorname{Li}_2(-1))$$

Recalling  $\operatorname{Li}_2(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^k/k^2$  for  $|z| < 1$ , for  $|z_0| = 1$  we treat  $\operatorname{Li}_2(z_0)$  as the limit of the infinite series as  $z \rightarrow z_0$  from within the unit circle,

$$= i \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \left( i \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-i)^k}{k^2} \right) - i \frac{\pi^2}{6} + i \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \left( i \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{i^k}{k^2} \right) - i \frac{\pi^2}{12}$$

The two series converge absolutely so we may combine them,

$$\begin{aligned} i(2i) \left( -1 + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} - \dots \right) &= 2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} - \frac{1}{7^2} + \dots \right) \\ &= \mathbf{2G} \end{aligned}$$

where  $G$  denotes Catalan's constant.

To solve  $J$ , we write  $\arccos x = -\arcsin x + \pi/2$  (easily verified by taking cos of both sides) and substitute  $x = \sin u$ ,

$$J = \int_0^1 \frac{(\arcsin x) \left( -\arcsin x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)}{x} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{u \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - u \right)}{\tan u} du$$

Substituting  $u \mapsto -u + \pi/2$ ,

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{u \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - u \right)}{\cot u} du$$

Hence,

$$2J = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{u \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - u \right)}{\tan u} + \frac{u \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - u \right)}{\cot u} du = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{u \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - u \right)}{\sin 2u} du = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{u(\pi - u)}{\sin u} du$$

We proceed similarly as before using complex sine,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 8J &= \int_0^{\pi} \frac{2iu(\pi - u)}{e^{iu} - e^{-iu}} du = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{u(\pi - u)ie^{-iz}}{1 - e^{-iz}} + \frac{u(\pi - u)ie^{-iz}}{1 + e^{-iz}} du \\ &= [u(\pi - u) \operatorname{Log}(1 - e^{-iu})]_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - 2u) \operatorname{Log}(1 - e^{-iu}) du - [u(\pi - u) \operatorname{Log}(1 + e^{-iu})]_0^{\pi} \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - 2u) \operatorname{Log}(1 + e^{-iu}) du \\ &= -\pi \int_0^{\pi} \operatorname{Log}(1 - e^{-iu}) du + 2 \int_0^{\pi} u \operatorname{Log}(1 - e^{-iu}) du + \pi \int_0^{\pi} \operatorname{Log}(1 + e^{-iu}) du \\ &\quad - 2 \int_0^{\pi} u \operatorname{Log}(1 + e^{-iu}) du \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $w = \pm e^{-iu}$ , we see  $\int \operatorname{Log}(1 \mp e^{-iu}) du = i \int \operatorname{Log}(1 - w) / w dw = -i \operatorname{Li}_2(w) = -i \operatorname{Li}_2(\pm e^{-iu})$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} &= \pi i \left( \operatorname{Li}_2(e^{-i\pi}) - \operatorname{Li}_2(e^{-i0}) \right) + 2 \left( [-iu \operatorname{Li}_2(e^{-iu})]_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} -i \operatorname{Li}_2(e^{-iu}) du \right) \\ &\quad - \pi i \left( \operatorname{Li}_2(-e^{-i\pi}) - \operatorname{Li}_2(-e^{-i0}) \right) - 2 \left( [-iu \operatorname{Li}_2(-e^{-iu})]_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} -i \operatorname{Li}_2(-e^{-iu}) du \right) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $w = \pm e^{-iu}$  in the first and second integrals respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \pi i \left( -\frac{\pi^2}{12} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) + 2 \left( -\pi i \left( -\frac{\pi^2}{12} \right) - \int_1^{-1} \frac{\operatorname{Li}_2(w)}{w} dw \right) - \pi i \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right) \\ &\quad - 2 \left( -\pi i \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) - \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\operatorname{Li}_2(w)}{w} dw \right) \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying and using definition of polylogarithm,

$$= 4 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\operatorname{Li}_2(w)}{w} dw = 4(\operatorname{Li}_3(1) - \operatorname{Li}_3(-1))$$

Again we may treat  $\text{Li}_3(\pm 1)$  as the limit of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^k/k^3$  as  $z \rightarrow \pm 1$  from within the unit circle, and note the series converge absolutely at  $z = \pm 1$  so we may combine them,

$$\begin{aligned} &= 4 \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^3} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{2}{1^3} + \frac{2}{3^3} + \frac{2}{5^3} + \cdots \right) = 8 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k+1)^3} \\ &= 8 \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k)^3} \right) = 8 \left( \zeta(3) - \frac{1}{8} \zeta(3) \right) = 7\zeta(3) \end{aligned}$$

Recall this was  $8J$ . Hence,

$$J = \frac{7}{8}\zeta(3)$$

To solve  $K$ , start by writing  $\arcsin x = -\arccos x + \pi/2$ ,

$$K = \int_0^1 \frac{\arcsin x \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \arccos x \right)}{x} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{\arcsin x}{x} \right) - \frac{(\arcsin x)(\arccos x)}{x} dx$$

We have just found  $\int_0^1 (\arcsin x)(\arccos x)/x dx$  and the integral  $\int_0^1 \arcsin x/x dx$  was proved in the document "Differentiating Under Integral Examples" to be  $\pi \ln 2 / 2$ , hence

$$K = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \ln 2 - \frac{7}{8}\zeta(3)$$