

1. Evaluate $\int_0^\infty \frac{\arctan(\pi x) - \arctan(x)}{x} dx$.

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\arctan(\pi x) - \arctan(x)}{x} dx = \frac{1}{2}\pi \log(\pi).$$

Continuously extend the integrand by defining it to be $\pi - 1$ when $x = 0$ so that we do not need to worry about taking an improper integral as x tends to 0. We still have to take the principal value of an improper integral as x tends to ∞ . Simplifying, we have

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\arctan(\pi x) - \arctan(x)}{x} dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int_0^R \frac{\arctan(\pi x')}{x'} dx' - \int_0^R \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx \right]$$

Using the substitution $x = \pi x'$, $dx = \pi dx'$ in the first integral, continue:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int_0^{\pi R} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx - \int_0^R \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx \right] \\ &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_R^{\pi R} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Then we argue that the limit is $\pi \log(\pi)/2$. Given any $\varepsilon > 0$, we can find $R' > 0$ such that for $x > R'$, we have that $|\pi/2 - \arctan(x)| < \varepsilon$.

Observe that $\int_R^{\pi R} \pi/(2x) dx = \pi(\log(\pi R) - \log(R))/2 = \pi \log(\pi)/2$. Then by choosing R greater than R' ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{2}\pi \log(\pi) - \int_R^{\pi R} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx \right| &= \left| \int_R^{\pi R} \frac{\pi/2 - \arctan(x)}{x} dx \right| \leq \int_R^{\pi R} \frac{|\pi/2 - \arctan(x)|}{x} dx \\ &< \int_R^{\pi R} \frac{\varepsilon}{x} dx \\ &= \varepsilon \log(\pi). \end{aligned}$$

Since ε was arbitrary, as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and as $R \rightarrow \infty$, it follows that

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_R^{\pi R} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx = \frac{1}{2}\pi \log(\pi)$$

as desired.

8. Evaluate $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{e^{x+1} + e^{3-x}}$.

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{e^{x+1} + e^{3-x}} = \frac{\pi}{4e^2}.$$

Start by making the change of variables $x' = x + 1$, $dx' = dx$ so that

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{dx'}{e^{x'+1} + e^{3-x'}} = \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{e^{x+2} + e^{-(x-2)}}.$$

Then with some algebra and another change of variables $u = e^x, du = e^x dx$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{e^{x+2} + e^{-(x-2)}} &= \frac{1}{e^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{e^x + e^{-x}} \\&= \frac{1}{e^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^x dx}{1 + e^{2x}} \\&= \frac{1}{e^2} \int_1^\infty \frac{du}{1 + u^2} \\&= \frac{1}{e^2} \left(\arctan(u) \Big|_1^\infty \right) \\&= \frac{1}{e^2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4e^2}\end{aligned}$$

as desired.