

12338. Prove:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x(e^x - 1)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(\pi \operatorname{csch}(\pi))$$

Solution. We start with the series for $\cos x$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x(e^x - 1)} dx &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\left(\sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}\right) - 1}{x(e^x - 1)} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!(e^x - 1)} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{2n-1}}{e^x - 1} dx \end{aligned}$$

We know the Riemann zeta can be expressed as an integral:

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{s-1}}{e^x - 1} dx$$

and therefore our previous integral can be expressed as $\zeta(2n)\Gamma(2n)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{2n-1}}{e^x - 1} dx &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n \zeta(2n) \Gamma(2n)}{(2n)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n \zeta(2n) (2n-1)!}{(2n)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n \zeta(2n)}{2n} \end{aligned}$$

The zeta function $\zeta(2n)$ can be expressed in closed form as a function of the Bernoulli numbers:

$$\zeta(2n) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} B_{2n} (2\pi)^{2n}}{2(2n)!}$$

leading to:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \zeta(2n)}{2n} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-1)^{n+1} B_{2n} (2\pi)^{2n}}{4n(2n)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{B_{2n} (2\pi)^{2n}}{4n(2n)!}\end{aligned}$$

This last series we will solve with a lemma:

Lemma 1. $\ln(k \operatorname{csch} k) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n} (2k)^{2n}}{2n(2n)!}$

Proof. We start with the logarithmic differentiation of $x \operatorname{csch} x$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \ln(x \operatorname{csch} x) &= \frac{1}{x \operatorname{csch} x} (\operatorname{csch}(x) - x \coth(x) \operatorname{csch}(x)) \\ &= \frac{1}{x} - \coth(x)\end{aligned}$$

Using the series of $\coth x$:

$$\coth x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n} B_{2n} x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!}$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x} - \coth(x) &= \frac{1}{x} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n} B_{2n} x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} \\ &= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n} B_{2n} x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!}\end{aligned}$$

At this point we can integrate both sides:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^k \frac{d}{dx} \ln(x \operatorname{csch} x) dx &= - \int_0^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n} B_{2n} x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} dx \\
\ln(k \operatorname{csch} k) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(x \operatorname{csch} x) &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n} B_{2n}}{(2n)!} \int_0^k x^{2n-1} dx \\
&= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n} B_{2n}}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{k^{2n}}{2n} \right) \\
&= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n} (2k)^{2n}}{2n(2n)!}
\end{aligned}$$

The limit on the left side can be proven to be zero:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(x \operatorname{csch} x) &= \ln \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \operatorname{csch} x \right) \\
&= \ln \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sinh x} \right) \\
&= \ln \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cosh x} \right) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

We finish the original integral by considering the series for $\ln(\pi \operatorname{csch} \pi)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos(x) - 1}{x(e^x - 1)} dx &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{B_{2n} (2\pi)^{2n}}{4n(2n)!} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(- \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n} (2\pi)^{2n}}{2n(2n)!} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \ln(\pi \operatorname{csch} \pi)
\end{aligned}$$