

Question: 6

Evaluate

$$\int_1^2 \frac{\log x}{2 - 2x + x^2} dx.$$

Solution: We start by u substitution of $x = 2u$.

$$I = \int_1^2 \frac{\log x}{2 - 2x + x^2} dx = \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{\log 2u}{2 - 4u + 4u^2} 2du = \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{\log u}{1 - 2u + 2u^2} du + \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{\log 2}{1 - 2u + 2u^2} du$$

Now we do another stupid, unmotivated substitution of $u = 1/v$ into the first integral.

$$\int_{1/2}^1 \frac{\log u}{1 - 2u + 2u^2} du = \int_2^1 \frac{-\log v}{1 - \frac{2}{v} + \frac{2}{v^2}} \left(-\frac{1}{v^2} dv\right) = -\int_1^2 \frac{\log v}{2 - 2v + v^2} dv = -I$$

As such, we get:

$$2I = (\log 2) \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{1}{1 - 2u + 2u^2} du = (\log 2) [\arctan(2u - 1)]_{1/2}^1 = \log 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\implies I = \frac{\pi}{8} \log 2$$

Question: 7

Evaluate

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

Solution: This is made trivial by Frullani integral, which gives the following result:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{f(ax) - f(bx)}{x} dx = [f(\infty) - f(0)] \log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

Quickly plugging in values, we get

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \ln(\pi)$$

as the result.

Since this was short, here's a short proof of the Frullani integral.

$$f'(xt) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{f(xt)}{x} \right)$$

$$\frac{f(ax) - f(bx)}{x} = \left[\frac{f(xt)}{x} \right]_{t=b}^{t=a}$$

$$= \int_b^a f'(xt) dt$$

From here, we get that

$$\int_0^\infty \int_b^a f'(xt) dt dx = \int_b^a \int_0^\infty f'(xt) dx dt \quad (\text{by Fubini's theorem})$$

$$= \int_b^a \left. \frac{f(xt)}{x} \right|_0^\infty dt$$

$$= \int_b^a \frac{f(\infty) - f(0)}{x} dt$$

$$= [f(\infty) - f(0)] \log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \quad \ominus$$

, which is our intended result.