

Problem 11650

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Evaluate

$$I = \int_{x=0}^{\infty} \int_{y=x}^{\infty} e^{-(x-y)^2} \sin^2(x^2 + y^2) \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} dy dx.$$

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Passing to polar coordinates, we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \int_{\theta=\pi/4}^{\pi/2} e^{-\rho^2(1-\sin 2\theta)} \sin^2(\rho^2) \frac{\rho^2 \cos 2\theta}{\rho^4} \rho d\rho d\theta \\ &= \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\rho^2} \sin^2(\rho^2)}{2\rho^3} \left(\int_{\theta=\pi/4}^{\pi/2} e^{\rho^2 \sin 2\theta} d(\rho^2 \sin 2\theta) \right) d\rho \\ &= \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\rho^2} \sin^2(\rho^2)}{2\rho^3} \left[e^{\rho^2 \sin 2\theta} \right]_{\theta=\pi/4}^{\pi/2} d\rho \\ &= \int_{\rho=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^{-\rho^2} - 1) \sin^2(\rho^2)}{2\rho^3} d\rho \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^{-t} - 1) \sin^2 t}{t^2} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now it is known that (see below), for $\text{Re}(s) > 0$

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{\sin^2 t}{t^2} \right] (s) = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-st} \sin^2 t}{t^2} dt = \arctan \left(\frac{2}{s} \right) - \frac{s}{4} \log \left(\frac{s^2 + 4}{s^2} \right).$$

Hence

$$I = \frac{1}{4} \left(\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{\sin^2(t)}{t^2} \right] (1) - \mathcal{L} \left[\frac{\sin^2(t)}{t^2} \right] (0^+) \right) = \frac{1}{4} \arctan 2 - \frac{1}{16} \log 5 - \frac{\pi}{8}.$$

□

For the sake of completeness we recover here the Laplace transform we used above.

For $a \geq 0$, let

$$\varphi(a) = \mathcal{L} \left[\frac{\sin^2(at)}{t^2} \right] (s)$$

then we have that

$$\varphi''(a) = \frac{d^2}{da^2} \left(\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{\sin^2(at)}{t^2} \right] (s) \right) = \frac{d}{da} \left(\mathcal{L} \left[\frac{\sin(2at)}{t} \right] (s) \right) = 2\mathcal{L} [\cos(2at)] (s) = \frac{2s}{4a^2 + s^2}.$$

Since, $\varphi(0) = \varphi'(0) = 0$, it follows that

$$\varphi'(a) = \int_0^a \frac{2s}{4a^2 + s^2} da = \arctan \left(\frac{2a}{s} \right)$$

and

$$\varphi(a) = \int_0^a \arctan \left(\frac{2a}{s} \right) da = a \arctan \left(\frac{2a}{s} \right) - \frac{s}{4} \log \left(\frac{s^2 + 4a^2}{s^2} \right).$$