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Evaluate

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin(x)}{1 + \sqrt{\sin(2x)}} dx.$$

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Solution. By letting $t = x - \pi/4$, and $\sqrt{2} \sin(t) = \sin(\theta)$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} I &:= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin(x)}{1 + \sqrt{\sin(2x)}} dx = \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin(t + \pi/4)}{1 + \sqrt{\sin(2t + \pi/2)}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin(t) + \cos(t)}{1 + \sqrt{\cos(2t)}} dt = 0 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\cos(t)}{1 + \sqrt{1 - 2\sin^2(t)}} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sqrt{2} \cos(t) dt}{1 + \sqrt{1 - (\sqrt{2} \sin(t))^2}} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos(\theta) d\theta}{1 + \cos(\theta)} \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \cos(\theta)} \right) d\theta = [\theta - \tan(\theta/2)]_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

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