

**Problem 12274**

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Evaluate

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\arctan(x)}{1+x^2} \left( \ln \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) \right)^2 dx.$$

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*Solution.* After letting  $x = \tan(t/2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{\arctan(x)}{1+x^2} \left( \ln \left( \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \right) \right)^2 dx &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\pi/2} t (\ln(\tan(t)))^2 dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} t \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2(2k-1)t)}{2k-1} \right)^2 dt \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} t \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2(2(2k-1)t)}{(2k-1)^2} dt \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} t \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{\cos(2(2k-1)t) \cos(2(2j-1)t)}{(2k-1)(2j-1)} dt \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \int_0^{\pi/2} t \cos^2(2(2k-1)t) dt \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2j-1)} \int_0^{\pi/2} t \cos(2(2k-1)t) \cos(2(2j-1)t) dt \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{16} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{16} \left( \zeta(2) - \frac{\zeta(2)}{4} \right) = \frac{3\pi^2}{64} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \boxed{\frac{\pi^4}{128}} \end{aligned}$$

where we applied the following Fourier series

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(\tan(t)) &= \ln(\sin(t)) - \ln(\cos(t)) \\ &= \left( -\log(2) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2nt)}{n} \right) - \left( -\log(2) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\cos(2nt)}{n} \right) \\ &= -2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2(2k-1)t)}{2k-1} \quad \text{for } t \in (0, \pi/2) \end{aligned}$$

and, for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \neq m$  and of the same parity, the evaluations

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} t \cos^2(2nt) dt = \frac{1}{16n^2} [4n^2 t^2 + 4nt \cos(2nt) \sin(2nt) + \cos^2(2nt)]_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi^2}{16},$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} t \cos(2nt) \cos(2mt) dt &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} t (\cos(2(n-m)t) + \cos(2(n+m)t)) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} t \cos(2(n-m)t) dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} t \cos(2(n+m)t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{8(n-m)^2} [2(n-m)t \sin(2(n-m)t) + \cos(2(n-m)t)]_0^{\pi/2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8(n+m)^2} [2(n+m)t \sin(2(n+m)t) + \cos(2(n+m)t)]_0^{\pi/2} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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