

Integral Involving Square of Logarithm Function

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Given the integral,

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2 \left(\frac{e^{-x^2}}{\cos(x)} (1 + \cos 4x) \right) dx$$

We can rewrite the integral as,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[\ln(e^{-x^2}) + \ln \left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{\cos(x)} \right) \right]^2 dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(e^{-x^2}) dx + 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(e^{-x^2}) \ln \left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{\cos(x)} \right) dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2 \left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{\cos(x)} \right) dx \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \end{aligned}$$

Let us now evaluate each integral.

To evaluate I_1 :

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(e^{-x^2}) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [\ln(e^{-x^2})]^2 dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^4 dx = \frac{\pi^5}{160}$$

To evaluate I_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(e^{-x^2}) \ln\left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{\cos(x)}\right) dx = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 [\ln(1 + \cos 4x) - \ln(\cos x)] dx \\
 &= -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \ln(1 + \cos 4x) dx + 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \ln(\cos x) dx = I_{21} + I_{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

To evaluate I_{21} :

There is a singularity at $= \frac{\pi}{4}$. Therefore integral can be rewritten as,

$$I_{21} = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} x^2 \ln(1 + \cos 4x) dx - 2 \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \ln(1 + \cos 4x) dx = I_{211} + I_{212}$$

Consider I_{211} :

We can make the following substitutions first.

$$\text{Let } u = 2x \quad x : 0 \text{ to } \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$du = 2dx \quad u : 0 \text{ to } \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore I_{211} = -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} u^2 \ln(1 + \cos 2u) du = -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} u^2 \ln(2 \cos^2 u) du$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} u^2 [\ln 2 + \ln(\cos^2 u)] du = -\frac{\ln 2}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} u^2 du - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} u^2 \ln(\cos^2 u) du$$

$$I_{211} = -\frac{\pi^3}{96} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} u^2 \ln(\cos(u)) du$$

From the result (iii) we obtain,

$$I_{211} = -\frac{\pi^3}{96} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\pi^3}{24} \ln 2 - \frac{\pi}{4} \zeta(3) \right) = \frac{\pi^3}{96} \ln 2 + \frac{\pi}{8} \zeta(3)$$

Consider I_{212} :

$$I_{212} = -2 \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \ln(1 + \cos 4x) dx$$

$$\text{Let } u = 2x \quad x : \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ to } \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$du = 2dx \quad u : \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ to } \pi$$

$$\therefore I_{212} = -\frac{1}{4} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} u^2 \ln(1 + \cos 2u) du = -\frac{1}{4} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} u^2 \ln(2 \cos^2 u) du$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} u^2 [\ln 2 + \ln(\cos^2 u)] du = -\frac{\ln 2}{4} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} u^2 du - \frac{1}{4} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} u^2 \ln(\cos^2(u)) du$$

$$= -\frac{7\pi^3}{96} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{4} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} u^2 \ln(\cos^2(u)) du$$

Now let us make another substitution.

$$\text{Let } t = \pi - u \quad u : \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ to } \pi$$

$$dt = -du \quad t : \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ to } 0$$

$$\therefore I_{212} = -\frac{7\pi^3}{96} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\pi - t)^2 \ln(\cos^2 t) dt$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\pi - t)^2 \ln(\cos^2 t) dt &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\pi^2 - 2\pi t + t^2) \ln(\cos^2 t) dt \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \pi^2 \ln(\cos(t)) dt - 4\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} t \ln(\cos(t)) dt + 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} t^2 \ln(\cos(t)) dt \end{aligned}$$

By using the results (i), (ii) and (iii) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\pi - t)^2 \ln(\cos^2 t) dt &= 2\pi^2 \left[-\frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2 \right] - 4\pi \left[-\frac{\pi^2}{8} \ln 2 - \frac{7}{16} \zeta(3) \right] + \\ &\quad 2 \left[-\frac{\pi^3}{24} \ln 2 - \frac{\pi}{4} \zeta(3) \right] \\ &= -\frac{7\pi^3}{12} \ln 2 + \frac{5\pi}{4} \zeta(3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore I_{212} &= -\frac{7\pi^3}{96} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\pi - t)^2 \ln(\cos^2 t) dt \\
&= -\frac{7\pi^3}{96} \ln 2 + \frac{7\pi^3}{48} \ln 2 - \frac{5\pi}{16} \zeta(3) = \frac{7\pi^3}{96} \ln 2 - \frac{5\pi}{16} \zeta(3) \\
i.e. I_{21} &= -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \ln(1 + \cos 4x) dx = I_{211} + I_{212} \\
&= \frac{\pi^3}{12} \ln 2 - \frac{3\pi}{16} \zeta(3)
\end{aligned}$$

Now we have,

$$I_{22} = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \ln(\cos x) dx$$

By using the result (iii) we get,

$$I_{22} = -\frac{\pi^3}{12} \ln 2 - \frac{\pi}{2} \zeta(3)$$

$$\therefore I_2 = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(e^{-x^2}) \ln\left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{\cos(x)}\right) dx = I_{21} + I_{22} = -\frac{11\pi}{16} \zeta(3)$$

Now consider

$$I_3 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2\left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{\cos x}\right) dx$$

We can rewrite it as.

$$I_3 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [\ln(1 + \cos 4x) - \ln(\cos x)]^2 dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(1 + \cos 4x) dx -$$

$$2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(1 + \cos 4x) \ln(\cos x) dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(\cos x) dx = I_{31} + I_{32} + I_{33}$$

Consider I_{31} :

$$I_{31} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(1 + \cos 4x) dx = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \ln^2(1 + \cos 4x) dx$$

Let $u = 2x$ $x : 0 \text{ to } \frac{\pi}{4}$

$du = 2dx$ $u : 0 \text{ to } \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$I_{31} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(1 + \cos 2u) du = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(2 \cos^2 u) du$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [\ln 2 + \ln(\cos^2 u)]^2 du = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2 2 du + 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln 2 \ln(\cos^2 u) du +$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(\cos^2 u) du = I_{311} + I_{312} + I_{313}$$

$$I_{311} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2 2 du = \frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 2$$

$$I_{312} = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln 2 \ln(\cos^2 u) du = 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln 2 \ln(\cos u) du$$

Using the result (i) we get,

$$I_{312} = -2\pi \ln^2 2$$

Now

$$I_{313} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(\cos^2 u) du = 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(\cos u) du$$

Using the result (iv) we get,

$$I_{313} = 4 \left[\frac{\pi^3}{24} + \frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 2 \right] = \frac{\pi^3}{6} + 2\pi \ln^2 2$$

$$\therefore I_{31} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(1 + \cos 2u) du = \frac{\pi^3}{6} + \frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 2$$

Now consider

$$I_{32} = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(1 + \cos 4x) \ln(\cos x) dx = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(2 \cos^2 2x) \ln(\cos x) dx$$

$$I_{32} = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [\ln 2 + \ln(\cos^2 2x)] \ln(\cos x) dx = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln 2 \ln(\cos x) dx$$

$$-2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\cos^2 2x) \ln(\cos x) dx = I_{321} + I_{322}$$

$$I_{321} = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln 2 \ln(\cos x) dx = \pi \ln^2 2$$

$$I_{322} = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\cos^2 2x) \ln(\cos x) dx = -4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\cos 2x) \ln(\cos x) dx$$

By using the result (v) we get,

$$I_{322} = -4 \left[\frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 2 - \frac{\pi^3}{96} \right] = \frac{\pi^3}{24} - 2\pi \ln^2 2$$

$$\therefore I_{32} = -2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(1 + \cos 4x) \ln(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi^3}{24} - \pi \ln^2 2$$

Now consider our last integral,

$$I_{33} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi^3}{24} + \frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 2 \quad (\text{using the result (iv)})$$

$$I_3 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2 \left(\frac{1 + \cos 4x}{\cos x} \right) dx = I_{31} + I_{32} + I_{33} = \frac{\pi^3}{4}$$

Now we can combine all the integrals to get the final solution.

$$i.e. \quad I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2 \left(\frac{e^{-x^2}}{\cos(x)} (1 + \cos 4x) \right) dx = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

$$\boxed{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2 \left(\frac{e^{-x^2}}{\cos(x)} (1 + \cos 4x) \right) dx = \frac{\pi^5}{160} - \frac{11\pi}{16} \zeta(3) + \frac{\pi^3}{4}}$$

RESULTS :

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\cos(x)) dx = -\frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2 \quad (i)$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \ln(\cos x) dx = -\frac{\pi^2}{8} \ln 2 - \frac{7}{16} \zeta(3) \quad (ii)$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \ln(\cos x) dx = -\frac{\pi^3}{24} \ln 2 - \frac{\pi}{4} \zeta(3) \quad (iii)$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(\cos x) dx = \frac{\pi^3}{24} + \frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 2 \quad (iv)$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\cos ax) \ln(\cos bx) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \ln^2 2 - \frac{\pi^3}{48} \frac{\gcd^2(a, b)}{48ab} \quad (v)$$

if $\frac{a+b}{\gcd(a, b)}$ is odd

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