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Find:

$$\int_0^{\pi} \left| \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}} \right| dx$$

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$$\sin \frac{5\pi}{8} = \cos \frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2}}}{2}, \cos \frac{5\pi}{8} = -\sin \frac{\pi}{8} = -\frac{\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}}{2}, \tan \frac{\pi}{8} = \sqrt{2}-1$$

$$\tan \frac{3\pi}{8} = \cot \frac{\pi}{8} = \sqrt{2}+1, \tan^2 \frac{5\pi}{16} = \frac{1-\cos \frac{5\pi}{8}}{1+\cos \frac{5\pi}{8}} = \frac{1+\frac{\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}}{2}}{1-\frac{\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}}{2}} = \frac{2+\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}}{2-\sqrt{2-\sqrt{2}}}$$

$$\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \right) = \sqrt{2} \sin \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \text{ always positive in } (0, \pi) \text{ as } 0 \leq \frac{x}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2} \sin \left(x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) > 0 \text{ when } 0 \leq x < \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{and } < 0 \text{ when } \frac{3\pi}{4} < x < \pi$$

$$\text{then } \left| \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}} \right| > 0 \text{ in } \left(0, \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) \text{ and } < 0 \text{ in } \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, \pi \right)$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \left| \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}} \right| dx = \int_0^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx - \int_{\frac{3\pi}{4}}^{\pi} \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx \quad (1)$$

$$\int \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx = \int \frac{\sin \left(x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)}{\sin \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)} dx \stackrel{u=\frac{x}{2}+\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ then } dx=2du}{=} 2 \int \frac{\sin \left(2u - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)}{\sin u} du =$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \int \left(\frac{\sin 2u}{\sin u} - \frac{\cos 2u}{\sin u} \right) du = \sqrt{2} \int (2 \cos u + 2 \sin u - \csc u) du =$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left(2 \sin u - 2 \cos u - \log \tan \left(\frac{u}{2} \right) \right)$$

Using this result we get:

$$\int_0^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx = \sqrt{2} \left(2 \sin u - 2 \cos u - \log \tan \left(\frac{u}{2} \right) \right) \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{5\pi}{8}} =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{2} \left(\log(\sqrt{2} - 1) + \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} - \log \tan \left(\frac{5\pi}{16} \right) \right) \\
 \int_{\frac{3\pi}{4}}^{\pi} \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx &= \sqrt{2} \left(2 \sin u - 2 \cos u - \log \tan \left(\frac{u}{2} \right) \right) \Big|_{\frac{5\pi}{8}}^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} = \\
 &= \sqrt{2} \left(2\sqrt{2} - \log(\sqrt{2} + 1) - \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} + \log \tan \left(\frac{5\pi}{16} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_0^{\pi} \left| \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}} \right| dx = \\
 &= \sqrt{2} \left(\log(\sqrt{2} - 1) + \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} - \log \tan \left(\frac{5\pi}{16} \right) \right) \\
 &\quad - \sqrt{2} \left(2\sqrt{2} - \log(\sqrt{2} + 1) - \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} + \log \tan \left(\frac{5\pi}{16} \right) \right) \\
 &= \sqrt{2} \left(-2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}} + 2\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} + \log \frac{1}{\tan^2 \frac{5\pi}{16}} \right) = \\
 &= \sqrt{2} \left(-2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}} + 2\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} + \log \frac{2 - \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}}{2 + \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$