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UP.527 Prove the closed form:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx = -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \sin \frac{\pi}{18}$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

Let us denote:

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx; A = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx; B = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx$$

We consider the integral A . We make the variable change: $x = y^{\frac{2}{3}}$

We have, successively:

$$A = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-y)y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \ln y}{1-y^3} dy = \frac{4}{9} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{y^{\frac{1}{3}} \ln y}{1-y^3} dy - \int_0^1 \frac{y^{\frac{2}{3}} \ln y}{1-y^3} dy \right)$$

$$A = \frac{4}{9} \left(\int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} y^{3k-\frac{1}{3}} \ln y dy - \int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} y^{3k-\frac{2}{3}} \ln y dy \right);$$

$$A = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^1 y^{3k-\frac{1}{3}} \ln y dy - \int_0^1 y^{3k+\frac{2}{3}} \ln y dy \right)$$

We will use the following relationship:

$$\int_0^1 x^a \ln x dx = -\frac{1}{(a+1)^2}, \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{R}, a \geq 0.$$

We obtain:

$$A = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\left(3k + \frac{5}{3}\right)^2} - \frac{1}{\left(3k + \frac{2}{3}\right)^2} \right]; A = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\left(k + \frac{5}{9}\right)^2} - \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\left(k + \frac{2}{9}\right)^2} \right]$$

We now use the following relationship:

$$\Psi_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+n)^2}$$

where $\Psi_1(x)$ is the trigamma function. We obtained the value of the integral A :

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$$A = \frac{4}{81} \left[\Psi_1 \left(\frac{5}{9} \right) - \Psi_1 \left(\frac{2}{9} \right) \right]$$

We consider the integral B . We make the variable change: $x = \frac{1}{y}$. Then, by proceeding to

the integral A , we obtain:

$$B = \frac{4}{81} \left[\Psi_1 \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) - \Psi_1 \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) \right]$$

Result:

$$I = A + B = \frac{4}{81} \left[\Psi_1 \left(\frac{5}{9} \right) - \Psi_1 \left(\frac{2}{9} \right) + \Psi_1 \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) - \Psi_1 \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) \right]$$

We use the reflection formula:

$$\Psi_1(x) + \Psi_1(1-x) = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2(\pi x)}$$

We obtain:

$$\Psi_1 \left(\frac{2}{9} \right) + \Psi_1 \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}}; \quad \Psi_1 \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) + \Psi_1 \left(\frac{5}{9} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \frac{4\pi}{9}}$$

Result:

$$I = \frac{4\pi^2}{81} \left(-\frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{4\pi}{9}} \right)$$

We have:

$$-\frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{4\pi}{9}} = -8 \sin \frac{\pi}{18}$$

We will prove this equality. We use the relationships

$$\sin 3a = \sin a (1 + 2 \cos 2a); \quad \cos 3a = \cos a (2 \cos 2a - 1)$$

We consider

$$E = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{4\pi}{9}} = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}} - \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{18}} = \frac{(1 + 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{9})^2}{\sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}} - \frac{(2 \cos \frac{\pi}{9} - 1)^2}{\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{6}}$$

$$E = \frac{16}{3} \left(\cos \frac{4\pi}{9} + \cos \frac{\pi}{9} \right) \left(1 + \cos \frac{4\pi}{9} - \cos \frac{\pi}{9} \right) = \frac{16\sqrt{3}}{3} \cos \frac{5\pi}{18} \left(1 - \sin \frac{5\pi}{18} \right)$$

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$$E = \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{3} \left(2 \cos \frac{5\pi}{18} - \sin \frac{5\pi}{9} \right)$$

But: $\cos \frac{5\pi}{18} = \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{18} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{18}$; $\sin \frac{5\pi}{9} = \cos \frac{\pi}{18}$. So: $E = 8 \sin \frac{\pi}{18}$

Result:

$$I = -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \sin \frac{\pi}{18}$$

Solution 2 by Odeyemi Gideon-Nigeria

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{(x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1) \ln(x)}{x^{\frac{9}{2}} - 1} dx = \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \left(\frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}} \ln(x)}{x^{\frac{9}{2}} - 1} - \frac{\ln(x)}{x^{\frac{9}{2}} - 1} \right) dx \\ &\stackrel{\frac{9}{2}=x}{=} \frac{4}{81} \int_0^{+\infty} \left(\frac{x^{-\frac{4}{9}} \ln(x)}{x-1} - \frac{x^{-\frac{7}{9}} \ln(x)}{x-1} \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

Let's consider $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{x^a \ln(x)}{x-1} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{x^a \ln(x)}{x-1} dx &= \frac{d}{da} \left(\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{x^a}{x-1} dx \right) \stackrel{\frac{1}{x-1}=x}{=} \frac{d}{da} \left((-1)^a \int_0^1 x^{-a-1} (1-x)^a dx \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{da} \left((-1)^a \Gamma(-a) \Gamma(a+1) \right) \stackrel{E.R.F.}{=} \frac{d}{da} \left((-1)^a \frac{\pi}{\sin(-\pi a)} \right) = \frac{d}{da} \left((-1)^{a+1} \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi a)} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{4}{81} \int_0^{+\infty} \left(\frac{x^{-\frac{4}{9}} \ln(x)}{x-1} - \frac{x^{-\frac{7}{9}} \ln(x)}{x-1} \right) dx = \frac{4}{81} \left(\pi^2 \csc^2(\pi a) \right)_{a=-\frac{4}{9}}^{\frac{4}{9}} \\ &= \frac{4\pi^2}{81} \left(\sec^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right) - \csc^2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{9} \right) \right) = -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Pham Duc Nam-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx = -\frac{32}{81} \pi^2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right)? \\ \Omega &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx, t = x\sqrt{x} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{t^{\frac{1}{3}}} dt \\ &\Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{-\frac{1}{3}} \ln(t)}{t^2 + t + 1} dt = \frac{4}{9} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=\frac{2}{3}, x=\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{s-1}}{t^2 + 2xt + 1} dt = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{4}{9} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=\frac{2}{3}, x=\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(x) (-t)^n \right) dt$$

Where: $U_n(x)$ is the Chebyshev polynomials of the second kind, and its generating function is:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(x) t^n = \frac{1}{t^2 - 2xt + 1}, \text{ letting } x = \cos(\theta) \Rightarrow U_n(x) = \frac{\sin((n+1)\theta)}{\sin(\theta)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{4}{9} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=\frac{2}{3}, \theta=\frac{\pi}{3}} \int_0^{\infty} t^{s-1} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \sin((n+1)\theta)}{\sin(\theta)n!} (-t)^n \right) dt$$

by Ramanujan's master theorem:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(n)}{n!} (-x)^n \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}\{f(x)\}(s) = \Gamma(s)\varphi(-s),$$

apply for Ω with $\varphi(n) = \Gamma(n+1) \sin((n+1)\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Omega &= \frac{4}{9} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=\frac{2}{3}, \theta=\frac{\pi}{3}} \Gamma(s)\Gamma(1-s) \frac{\sin((1-s)\theta)}{\sin(\theta)} = \frac{8\pi}{9\sqrt{3}} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\sin\left((1-s)\frac{\pi}{3}\right)}{\sin(\pi s)} \\ &= \frac{8\pi}{9\sqrt{3}} \left(-\frac{\pi}{3 \sin(\pi s)} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}(s-1)\right) + 3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}(2s+1)\right) \cot(\pi s) \right) \right) \Big|_{s=\frac{2}{3}} = \\ &= -\frac{16\pi^2}{81} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) - \sqrt{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) \right) \\ &= -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) \right) = -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) \right) \\ &= -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{9}\right) = -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right), \text{ hence proved.} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Ankush Kumar Parcha-India

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx &\stackrel{x \rightarrow x^2}{\Rightarrow} 4 \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{x \ln(x)}{x^6 + x^3 + 1} dx \\ &\Rightarrow 4 \int_0^1 \frac{(x - x^4) \ln(x)}{1 - x^9} dx + 4 \underbrace{\int_1^{\infty} \frac{(x - x^4) \ln(x)}{1 - x^9} dx}_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}} \\ &\Rightarrow 4 \int_0^1 \frac{(x^6 - x^4 - x^3 + x) \ln(x)}{1 - x^9} dx \stackrel{x^9 \rightarrow x}{\Rightarrow} \frac{4}{81} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(x^{\frac{7}{9}} - x^{\frac{5}{9}} - x^{\frac{4}{9}} + x^{\frac{2}{9}}\right) \ln(x)}{1 - x} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\because \psi^{(m)}(z) = - \int_0^1 \frac{t^{z-1} \ln^m(t)}{1-t} dt, \Re(z) > 0 \wedge m > 0 \right) \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{4}{81} \left[\psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{9}\right) + \psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) - \psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{7}{9}\right) - \psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{2}{9}\right) \right] \\
 & \quad \left(\because \psi^{(1)}(1-z) + \psi^{(1)}(z) = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2(\pi z)} \right) \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{4}{81} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right)} - \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right)} \right) \stackrel{\because \cos(2x)=1-2\sin^2(x)}{\Rightarrow} \frac{4\pi^2}{81} \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right)} - \frac{2}{1-\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right)} \right) \\
 & \Rightarrow -\frac{4\pi^2}{81} \left(\frac{1+2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right)}{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right)} \right) \stackrel{\because \sin(3x)=3\sin(x)-4\sin^3(x)}{\Rightarrow} \\
 & \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3+x\sqrt{x}+1} dx = -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 5 by Djamel Arrouche-Algeria

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(x)}{x^3+x\sqrt{x}+1} dx &= \Delta = -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right) \\
 x\sqrt{x} &= y; dx = \frac{2}{3}y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow \\
 \Delta &= \frac{4}{9} \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(y) y^{-\frac{1}{3}} dy}{y^2+y+1} = \frac{4}{9} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \ln(y)}{y^2+y+1} + \int_1^\infty \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \ln(y)}{y^2+y+1} dy_{y \rightarrow \frac{1}{z}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \ln(y)}{y^2+y+1} - \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} \ln(z)}{z^2+z+1} dz = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{y^{\frac{1}{3}} - y^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{y^2+y+1} \ln(y) dy \\
 &= \frac{4}{9} \left(f\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + f\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \right) \Big| f(s) = \int_0^1 \frac{y^s \ln(y)}{y^2+y+1} = \int_0^1 \frac{y^s - y^{s+1}}{1-y^3} \ln(y) \\
 y^3 &= z \Rightarrow f(s) = \frac{1}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{z^{\frac{s-2}{3}} \ln(z)}{1-z} - \frac{1}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{z^{\frac{s-1}{3}} \ln(z)}{1-z} \\
 \text{we have } \Psi^{(1)}(1+z) &= \int_0^{1-\ln(x)x^z} \frac{dx}{1-x} \\
 \Rightarrow f(s) &= \frac{1}{9} \left(\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{s+2}{3}\right) - \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{s+1}{3}\right) \right) \\
 \Delta &= \frac{4}{9} \left(f\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \right) = \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \left(-\Psi^1\left(\frac{7}{9}\right) + \Psi^1\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) - 1 + \Psi^1\left(\frac{5}{9}\right) - \Psi^1\left(\frac{2}{9}\right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{4}{81} \left(- \left\{ \Psi^1 \left(\frac{14}{18} \right) + \Psi^1 \left(\frac{4}{18} \right) \right\} + \left(\Psi^1 \left(\frac{8}{18} \right) + \Psi^1 \left(\frac{10}{18} \right) \right) \right)$$

$$\Psi^1(1-z) + \Psi^1(z) = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2(\pi z)}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{4\pi^2}{81} \left(- \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{4\pi}{18} \right)} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{8\pi}{18} \right)} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{8\pi}{18} \right)} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{4\pi}{18} \right)} = -8 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right) \dots ?$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1 - 4 \cos^2 \left(\frac{4\pi}{18} \right)}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{8\pi}{18} \right)} = -8 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow = \frac{1 - 2 \left(\cos \left(\frac{8\pi}{18} \right) + 1 \right)}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right)} = \frac{-1 - 2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right)}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right)} = -8 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -1 - 2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right) = 8 \sin \frac{\pi}{18} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{18} = -4 \sin \frac{\pi}{18} \left(\cos \left(\frac{2\pi}{18} \right) + 1 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -1 + 2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right) = -2 \left(2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right) \cos \left(\frac{2\pi}{18} \right) \right) = -2 \left(\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} + \frac{2\pi}{18} \right) \right) + \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} - \frac{2\pi}{18} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -1 + 2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right) = -2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) - 2 \sin \left(-\frac{\pi}{18} \right) \dots \text{True}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{8\pi}{18} \right)} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{4\pi}{18} \right)} = -8 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right)$$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} = \frac{4\pi^2}{81} \left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{8\pi}{18} \right)} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \left(\frac{4\pi}{18} \right)} \right) = -\frac{32\pi^2}{81} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{18} \right)$$