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UP.563 Calculate the integral:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} \ln^2 x}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} dx$$

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Solution by proposer

Let us denote:

$$I = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} \ln^2 x}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} dx$$

We make the variable change: $x = \frac{1}{y}$; $y = \frac{1}{x}$. We obtain:

$$I = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} \ln^2 x}{(x+1)(x^2+1)} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{y} \ln^2 y}{(y+1)(y^2+1)} dy$$

Let us denote:

$$J = \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{y} \ln^2 y}{(y+1)(y^2+1)} dy = \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{y}(1-y) \ln^2 y}{1-y^4} dy$$

We make the variable change: $y = z^2$. We obtain:

$$J = 8 \int_0^1 \frac{z^2(1-z^2) \ln^2 z}{1-z^8} dz = 8 \left(\int_0^1 \frac{z^2 \ln^2 z}{1-z^8} dz - \int_0^1 \frac{z^4 \ln^2 z}{1-z^8} dz \right)$$

We have, successively:

$$\begin{aligned} J &= 8 \left(\int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{8n+2} \ln^2 x dx - \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{8n+4} \ln^2 x dx \right) = \\ &= 8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^1 x^{8n+2} \ln^2 x dx - \int_0^1 x^{8n+4} \ln^2 x dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

We will to use the following relationship:

$$\int_0^1 x^a \ln^2 x dx = \frac{2}{(a+1)^3}$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $a \geq 0$. We obtain:

$$J = 8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{2}{(8n+3)^3} - \frac{2}{(8n+5)^3} \right] = 8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\frac{2}{512}}{\left(n + \frac{3}{8}\right)^3} - \frac{\frac{2}{512}}{\left(n + \frac{5}{8}\right)^3} \right]$$

We now use the following relationship:

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$$\psi_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(x+n)^3}$$

where $\psi_2(x)$ is the tetragamma function. We obtain the value of the integral J :

$$J = \frac{1}{64} \left[\psi_2\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi_2\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) \right]$$

Result:

$$I = J = \frac{1}{64} \left[\psi_2\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi_2\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) \right]$$

We use the reflection formula for the tetragamma function:

$$\psi_2(p) - \psi_2(1-p) = f(p)$$

where:

$$f(x) = -\pi \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \cot(\pi x)$$

We have:

$$\psi_2\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi_2\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) = 4(3\sqrt{2} - 4)\pi^3$$

We obtained the value of the integral required in the problem statement:

$$I = \frac{1}{16} (3\sqrt{2} - 4)\pi^3$$