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Find a closed form:

$$\Omega = \int_0^\pi \ln^2(1 + \cos x) dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega &= \int_0^\pi \ln^2(1 + \cos x) dx = \int_0^\pi \ln^2\left(2 \cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) dx \stackrel{y=\frac{x}{2}}{\cong} 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln^2(2 \cos^2(y)) dy = \\
&= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\ln(2) + 2 \ln(\cos y))^2 dy \\
&= \pi \ln^2(2) + 8 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\ln(\cos y))^2 dy + 8 \ln(2) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\cos y) dy \\
&\stackrel{y=\frac{\pi}{2}-y}{=} \pi \ln^2(2) + 4 \underbrace{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\ln(\sin y))^2 dy}_{I_2} + 8 \ln(2) \underbrace{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\sin y) dy}_{I_1} \\
&I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\sin y) dy, \quad I_1 \stackrel{y=\frac{\pi}{2}-y}{=} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\cos y) dy \\
&2I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\sin y \cos y) dy, \quad 2I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\sin(2y)) dy - \frac{\pi}{2} \ln(2) \\
&2I_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \ln(\sin(x)) dx - \frac{\pi}{2} \ln(2), \quad 2I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\sin(x)) dx - \frac{\pi}{2} \ln(2) \\
&2I_1 = I_1 - \frac{\pi}{2} \ln(2), \quad I_1 = -\frac{\pi}{2} \ln(2) \\
&I_2 = Re \int_0^\pi (\ln(\sin y))^2 dy, \quad I_2 \stackrel{y=\frac{\theta}{2}}{\cong} \frac{1}{2} Re \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\ln\left(\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right) \right)^2 d\theta \\
&I_2 = \frac{1}{2} Re \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\log(1 - e^{i\theta}) - \ln(2) - \frac{i}{2}(\theta - \pi) \right]^2 d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

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$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^2(2) - \frac{1}{4}(\theta - \pi)^2 d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \int_0^{2\pi} -i \log(1 - e^{i\theta})(\theta - \pi) d\theta \\ + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^2(1 - e^{i\theta}) - 2 \log(2) \log(1 - e^{i\theta}) d\theta$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(2\pi \log^2(2) - \frac{\pi^3}{6} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi^3}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \oint_{|z|=1} \left(-\frac{i}{z} \right) (\log^2(1-z) - 2 \log(2) \log(1-z)) dz \\ I_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(2\pi \log^2(2) + \frac{\pi^3}{6} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\int_0^\pi \ln^2(1 + \cos x) dx = \pi \ln^2(2) + 2\pi \zeta(2)}$$