

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

**Find a closed form:**

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{8}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan(x) \ln(1 - \tan x) dx$$

*Proposed by Fao Ler-Iraq*

**Solution by Pratham Prasad-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{8}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan(x) \ln(1 - \tan x) dx \\
 I &= \int_{\sqrt{2}-1}^1 \frac{t \ln(1-t)}{1+t^2} dt = \int_{\sqrt{2}-1}^1 \frac{t \ln(1-t)}{(t+i)(t-i)} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sqrt{2}-1}^1 \frac{\ln(1-t)}{(t+i)} dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sqrt{2}-1}^1 \frac{\ln(1-t)}{(t-i)} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sqrt{2}-1+i}^{1+i} \frac{\ln(1+i-u)}{u} du + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sqrt{2}-1-i}^{1-i} \frac{\ln(1-i-u)}{u} du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sqrt{2}-1+i}^{1+i} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{u}{1+i}\right)}{u} du + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+i) \ln\left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}-1+i}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sqrt{2}-1-i}^{1-i} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{u}{1-i}\right)}{u} du \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-i) \ln\left(\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}-1-i}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\sqrt{2}-1+i}{1+i}}^1 \frac{\ln(1-u)}{u} du + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+i) \ln\left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}-1+i}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\sqrt{2}-1-i}{1-i}}^1 \frac{\ln(1-u)}{u} du \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-i) \ln\left(\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}-1-i}\right) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} Li_2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1+i}{1+i}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+i) \ln\left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}-1+i}\right) + \frac{1}{2} Li_2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1-i}{1-i}\right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-i) \ln\left(\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}-1-i}\right) - Li_2(1) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} Li_2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1+i}{1+i}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+i) \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1+i}{1+i}\right) + \frac{1}{2} Li_2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1-i}{1-i}\right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-i) \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1-i}{1-i}\right) - Li_2(1) =
 \end{aligned}$$

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+i) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1\right)\right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-i) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1\right)\right) - \zeta(2)
\end{aligned}$$

*where:*

$$\ln(1+i) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2) + \ln\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2) + \frac{i\pi}{4}$$

$$\ln(1-i) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2) + \ln\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2) - \frac{i\pi}{4}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) = \ln(2 - \sqrt{2}) + i \arctan(\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1\right)\right) = \ln(2 - \sqrt{2}) - i \arctan(\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

*Thus,*

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+i) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1\right)\right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-i) \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1\right)\right) - \zeta(2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$I = \frac{\pi}{4} \arctan(\sqrt{2} - 1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2) \ln(2 - \sqrt{2}) + \operatorname{Re}\left(\operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right)\right) - \zeta(2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\frac{\pi}{8}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan(x) \ln(1 - \tan x) dx = \\
&= \frac{\pi}{4} \arctan(\sqrt{2} - 1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2) \ln(2 - \sqrt{2}) + \operatorname{Re}\left(\operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right)\right) - \zeta(2)
\end{aligned}$$