

Solution (#1395) By setting $u = \pi/2 - x$ we can see that the first two integrals are equal. We see

$$\int_{z=0}^{z=\pi/2} \ln(\sin x) dx = \int_{u=\pi/2}^{u=0} \ln(\sin(\pi/2 - u)) (-du) = \int_{u=0}^{u=\pi/2} \ln(\cos u) du.$$

By the evenness of $\sin 2x$ about $x = \pi/4$ we set $u = 2x$ to see that

$$\int_{x=0}^{x=\pi/2} \ln(\sin 2x) dx = \int_{x=0}^{x=\pi/4} \ln(\sin 2x) (2dx) = \int_{u=0}^{u=\pi/2} \ln(\sin u) du.$$

Hence the three integrals are equal. Denote their common value as I . As $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$ then

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\sin 2x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(2 \sin x \cos x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln 2 dx + \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\sin x) dx + \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\cos x) dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2 + 2I. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $I = -(\pi/2) \ln 2$.

For the last two integrals note that substituting $x = \tan u$ in the first integral gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln(x^2 + 1) dx}{x^2 + 1} &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\ln(\tan^2 u + 1) \sec^2 u du}{\tan^2 u + 1} \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\sec^2 u) du \\ &= -2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\cos u) du \\ &= -2 \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2 \right) \\ &= \pi \ln 2. \end{aligned}$$

For the final integral we will set $e^x = 1 + u^2$ so that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{e^x - 1}} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln(1 + u^2)}{u} \frac{2udu}{1 + u^2} = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln(1 + u^2)}{1 + u^2} du = 2\pi \ln 2.$$