

Solution (#1546) (i) Let $a > b > 0$. Using $\cos x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}$ we see

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^\pi \sqrt{a + b \cos x} \, dx \\
 = & \int_0^\pi \sqrt{a + b - 2b \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} \, dx \\
 = & \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{a + b - 2b \sin^2 u} \, 2 \, du \quad [u = x/2] \\
 = & 2\sqrt{a+b} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2b}{a+b} \sin^2 u} \, du \\
 = & 2\sqrt{a+b} E \left(\sqrt{\frac{2b}{a+b}} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Again using $\cos x = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}$ we see

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^\pi \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a + b \cos x}} \\
 = & \int_0^\pi \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a + b - 2b \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}} \\
 = & \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{2 \, du}{\sqrt{a + b - 2b \sin^2 u}} \quad [u = x/2] \\
 = & \frac{2}{\sqrt{a+b}} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{du}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2b}{a+b} \sin^2 u}} \\
 = & \frac{2}{\sqrt{a+b}} K \left(\sqrt{\frac{2b}{a+b}} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$