

Solution (#1556) Let $a > 0$. From #1388 we know that

$$I(a) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln x}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{\pi \ln a}{2a}.$$

Differentiating under the integral sign, we find that

$$I'(a) = -2a \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln x}{(x^2 + a^2)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2a^2} (1 - \ln a).$$

Hence

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln x}{(x^2 + a^2)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{4a^3} (\ln a - 1).$$

Now if we set $x = u^2$ then we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2} \ln x}{(1+x)^2} dx &= \int_0^\infty \frac{u \ln u^2}{(1+u^2)^2} 2u du \\ &= 4 \int_0^\infty \frac{u^2 \ln u}{(1+u^2)^2} du \\ &= 4 \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln u}{1+u^2} du - \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln u}{(1+u^2)^2} du \right\} \\ &= 4 \left\{ I(1) - \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln u}{(1+u^2)^2} du \right\} \\ &= 4 \left\{ 0 - \left(-\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right\} = \pi. \end{aligned}$$