

Solution (#1564) For $0 < k < 1$ define

$$E(k) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 x} \, dx, \quad K(k) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 x}}.$$

Differentiating under the integral sign we find

$$\begin{aligned} E'(k) &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(-2k \sin^2 x) \, dx}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 x}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{k} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(k^2 \sin^2 x - 1 + 1) \, dx}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 x}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{k} (-E(k) + K(k)) \\ &= \frac{E(k) - K(k)}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} K'(k) &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{-\frac{1}{2}(-2k \sin^2 x) \, dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(k^2 \sin^2 x - 1 + 1) \, dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[-(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{-1/2} + (1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{-3/2} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \left[-K(k) + \frac{E(k)}{1 - k^2} \right] \quad [\text{by \#1548}] \\ &= \frac{E(k)}{k(1 - k^2)} - \frac{K(k)}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Now by #1548 we have

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{3/2}} = \frac{E(k)}{1 - k^2}.$$

Differentiating under the integral sign we find

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{-\frac{3}{2}(-2k \sin^2 x) \, dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{5/2}} = \frac{E'(k)}{1 - k^2} + \frac{2kE(k)}{(1 - k^2)^2}.$$

This rearranges to

$$\frac{3}{k} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(k^2 \sin^2 x - 1 + 1) \, dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{5/2}} = \frac{(E(k) - K(k))}{k(1 - k^2)} + \frac{2kE(k)}{(1 - k^2)^2}$$

and so

$$\frac{3}{k} \left[-\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{3/2}} + \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{5/2}} \right] = \frac{(E(k) - K(k))}{k(1 - k^2)} + \frac{2kE(k)}{(1 - k^2)^2}.$$

Using #1548 again we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{5/2}} &= \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \frac{E(k) - K(k)}{1 - k^2} + \frac{2k^2 E(k)}{(1 - k^2)^2} + \frac{3E(k)}{1 - k^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \frac{(4 - 2k^2)E(k)}{(1 - k^2)^2} - \frac{K(k)}{1 - k^2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

and so finally

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 x)^{5/2}} = \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \frac{(4 - 2k^2)E(k)}{(1 - k^2)^2} - \frac{K(k)}{1 - k^2} \right\}.$$