

## Nice Integral

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**Theorem.**

$$\int_0^\infty \left[ \arctan\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \right]^2 dr = \pi \ln(2)$$

**Proof.** Let  $x = \arctan(1/r)$  then  $r = 1/\tan(x)$  ,  $(r \rightarrow 0) \iff (x \rightarrow \pi/2)$  ,  $(r \rightarrow \infty) \iff (x \rightarrow 0)$  , giving:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \left[ \arctan\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \right]^2 dr &= \int_{\pi/2}^0 x^2 d\frac{1}{\tan(x)} = \left[ \frac{x^2}{\tan(x)} \right]_{\pi/2}^0 + 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{x dx}{\tan(x)} = \\ 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{x d \sin(x)}{\sin(x)} &= 2 [x \ln(\sin x)]_0^{\pi/2} - 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\sin x) dx = -2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\sin x) dx \end{aligned}$$

The latter integral is known to be equal to  $-(\pi \ln 2)/2$  , according to:

[http://math.ucsd.edu/~ebender/20B/7\\_DefInt.pdf](http://math.ucsd.edu/~ebender/20B/7_DefInt.pdf)

Notes. There is a typo in this article:  $\int \ln x dx = x \ln x + 1$  must be  $\int \ln x dx = x \ln x + x$  . Furthermore, it must be known that  $\frac{2}{\pi}x \leq \sin x \leq 1$  , which can be verified most easily by drawing a graph of the sine and a few lines. And it must be known that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \ln x = 0$ . The latter can eventually be proved with L'Hôpital's Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln x}{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1/x}{-1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x) = 0$$

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