

STEP 2012, Paper 1, Q5 – Solution (2 pages; 15/6/18)

Please note: The official 2012 "Hints and Answers" are mainly hints rather than answers, so the following sol'n hasn't been checked against anything.

Let $u = \cos x$, so that $du = -\sin x \, dx$

$$\text{and } \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin(2x) \ln(\cos x) \, dx = -2 \int_1^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} u \ln u \, du$$

Then, by Parts (integrating u):

$$= -2 \left[\frac{1}{2} u^2 \ln u \right]_1^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} + 2 \int_1^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \frac{1}{2} u^2 \left(\frac{1}{u} \right) \, du$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \int_1^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} u \, du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \sqrt{2} + \left[\frac{1}{2} u^2 \right]_1^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\ln 2 - 1), \text{ as required}$$

[Unfortunately, the above substitution doesn't help for the next part.] By Parts (integrating $\cos(2x)$),

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos(2x) \ln(\cos x) \, dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) \ln(\cos x) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) \frac{1}{\cos x} (-\sin x) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^2 x \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{2} \ln \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 1 - \cos(2x) \, dx \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2} \left[x - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\
&= -\frac{1}{8} \ln 4 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{8} (\pi - \ln 4 - 2), \text{ as required}
\end{aligned}$$

Last part:

$$\cos x + \sin x = \sqrt{2} \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\text{Let } \theta = x - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{so that } \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \{\cos(2x) + \sin(2x)\} \ln(\cos x + \sin x) \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left\{ \cos\left(2\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(2\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right\} \ln\{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta\} \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \{-\sin(2\theta) + \cos(2\theta)\} \ln\{\cos \theta\} \, d\theta$$

$$+ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \{-\sin(2\theta) + \cos(2\theta)\} \ln \sqrt{2} \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} (\pi - \ln 4 - 2) - \frac{1}{4} (\ln 2 - 1)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \cos(2\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \quad (\text{using the earlier results})$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 \{ [0 + 1] - [1 + 0] \}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$