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2011.3 Question 6

We show that T is equal to each of U, V, X, and by transitivity, this shows that all four are equal.

• To show T = U, consider the substitution $u = 2 \operatorname{artanh} t$, and hence $t = \tanh \frac{u}{2}$. When $t = \frac{1}{2}$, $u = 2 \operatorname{artanh} \frac{1}{2} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right) = \ln 3$, and when $t = \frac{1}{3}$, $u = 2 \operatorname{artanh} \frac{1}{3} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} \right) = \ln 2$.

We have $du = \frac{2}{1-t^2} dt$, and hence

$$T = \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\operatorname{artanh} t}{t} dt$$

$$= \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln 3} \frac{\frac{u}{2}}{\tanh \frac{u}{2}} \cdot \frac{1 - \tanh^2 \frac{u}{2}}{2} du$$

$$= \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln 3} \frac{u}{2} \cdot \frac{1 - \tanh^2 \frac{u}{2}}{2 \tanh \frac{u}{2}} du$$

$$= \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln 3} \frac{u}{2 \sinh u} du$$

$$= U.$$

• To show T = V, we use integration by parts.

$$\begin{split} T &= \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\operatorname{artanh} t}{t} \, \mathrm{d}t \\ &= \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \operatorname{artanh} t \, \mathrm{d} \ln t \\ &= \left[\operatorname{artanh} t \ln t \right]_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln t \, \mathrm{d} \operatorname{artanh} t \\ &= \left(\operatorname{artanh} \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1}{2} - \operatorname{artanh} \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{1}{3} \right) - \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln t}{1 - t^2} \, \mathrm{d}t \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right) \cdot (-\ln 2) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} \right) \cdot (-\ln 3) \right) + V \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln 3 \cdot \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln 2 \cdot \ln 3 \right) + V \\ &= V. \end{split}$$

• To show T=X, consider the substitution $x=-\frac{1}{2}\ln t$, and hence $t=e^{-2x}$. When $t=\frac{1}{2},\,x=-\frac{1}{2}\ln\frac{1}{2}=\frac{1}{2}\ln 2$, and when $t=\frac{1}{3},\,x=-\frac{1}{2}\ln\frac{1}{3}=\frac{1}{2}\ln 3$.

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We have $dx = -\frac{dt}{2t}$, and hence

$$T = \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\operatorname{artanh} t}{t} dt$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}\ln 3}^{\frac{1}{2}\ln 2} \frac{\operatorname{artanh} e^{-2x}}{t} \cdot (-2t) dx$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}\ln 3}^{\frac{1}{2}\ln 3} 2 \operatorname{artanh} e^{-2x} dx$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}\ln 2}^{\frac{1}{2}\ln 3} \ln \left(\frac{1 + e^{-2x}}{1 - e^{-2x}} \right) dx$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}\ln 2}^{\frac{1}{2}\ln 3} \ln \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} \right) dx$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}\ln 2}^{\frac{1}{2}\ln 3} \ln \coth x dx$$

$$= X.$$

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