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Show that there exists $c \in (0, \pi/2)$ such that

$$\int_0^c \sqrt{\sin x} dx + c\sqrt{\cos c} = \int_c^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\cos x} dx + (\pi/2 - c)\sqrt{\sin c}$$

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Consider the continuous function $F(x)$ defined on $[0, \pi/2]$ as follows:

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{\sin t} dt + x\sqrt{\cos x} - \int_x^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\cos t} dt + (\pi/2 - x)\sqrt{\sin x}$$

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) &= - \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\cos t} dt < 0 \\ F(\pi/2) &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{\sin t} dt > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the Bolzano's Theorem there exist $c \in (0, \pi/2)$ such that $F(c) = 0$ and the given equality is done. \square