

Let me take the liberty of generalizing the lovely solution that Dean M. submitted for problem 6.

Let $P(x, y)$ be any rational function which is homogeneous of degree -4 . (That is, it's a ratio of two (homogeneous) polynomials in the two variables and $P(kx, ky) = k^{-4}P(x, y)$ for any constant k .) Then we can find a closed-form antiderivative of $P(\sqrt{\sin(x)}, \sqrt{\cos(x)})$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\int P(\sqrt{\sin(x)}, \sqrt{\cos(x)}) dx &= \int \sec^2(x) P(\sqrt{\tan(x)}, 1) dx && \text{(by homogeneity)} \\ &= \int P(\sqrt{u}, 1) du && \text{(letting } \tan(x) = u) \\ &= \int 2v P(v, 1) dv && \text{(letting } u = v^2)\end{aligned}$$

Since this last is now a rational function of v , we may compute a partial-fractions decomposition and then integrate.

(A similar argument works as long as P is homogeneous of any degree which is a *multiple* of 4; we simply have additional factors of $\sqrt{\cos(x)}^4 = 1/\sec^2(x) = 1/(u^2 + 1) = 1/(v^4 + 1)$. I'm not sure what larger family of integrands can be characterized as having an antiderivative which is a rational function of $\sqrt{\sin(x)}$ and $\sqrt{\cos(x)}$.)

In our example, $P(x, y) = (x + y)^{-4}$, so the rational function is $2v/(v + 1)^4 = 2/(v + 1)^3 - 2/(v + 1)^4$ whose antiderivative is $-\frac{2}{2}(v + 1)^{-2} + \frac{2}{3}(v + 1)^{-3}$; replace v with $\sqrt{u} = \sqrt{\tan(x)}$ to obtain an antiderivative of the original function.

Since we are computing a definite integral, we may just as easily transform the endpoints when we change variables: $x = 0$ and $x = \pi/2$ correspond to $u = 0, u = \infty$, i.e. to $v = 0, v = \infty$, and thus our integral evaluates to $-2/2 + 2/3 = 1/3$.

Easy as pie, right? :-)