

Trigonometric substitutions

Expression	Identity	Substitution
$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$	$1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$	$x = a \sin \theta, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}$	$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$	$x = a \tan \theta, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$
$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}$	$\sec^2 \theta - 1 = \tan^2 \theta$	$x = a \sec \theta, \quad 0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \pi \leq \theta < \frac{3}{2}\pi$

We want to get rid of the $\sqrt{\quad}$.

Remarks:

Notice "=" when we have $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$

T05 - Ex 7

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{9x^2 - 36x + 37}} dx$$

Solution.

$$9x^2 - 36x + 37 = 9(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 4 \times 9 + 37 = 9(x-2)^2 + 1 = (3(x-2))^2 + 1$$

Let $3(x-2) = \tan \theta$, then $x = 2 + \frac{1}{3} \tan \theta$,

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$dx = \frac{1}{3} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{9x^2 - 36x + 37}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta + 1}} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{|\sec \theta|} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

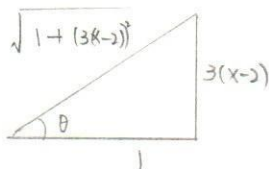
$$= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{\sec \theta} \sec^2 \theta d\theta. \quad \text{since } \sec \theta > 0 \text{ when } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \int \sec \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \ln \left| \sqrt{9x^2 - 36x + 37} + 3(x-2) \right| + C$$

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$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2+16}}{x^4} dx$$

Solution: $a=4$: Let $x = 4 \tan \theta$. $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

then $dx = 4 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$.

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2+16}}{x^4} dx = \int \frac{\sqrt{16 \tan^2 \theta + 16}}{(4 \tan \theta)^4} \cdot 4 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4 \times 4}{4^4} \int \frac{1 \cancel{\sec \theta}}{\tan^4 \theta} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \int \frac{\sec^3 \theta}{\tan^4 \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \int \frac{1}{\cos^3 \theta} \cdot \frac{\cos^4 \theta}{\sin^4 \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^4 \theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \int \frac{1}{\sin^4 \theta} d \sin \theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{-4+1} (\sin \theta)^{-4+1} + C$$

$$= -\frac{1}{48} \frac{1}{\sin^3 \theta} + C$$

$$= -\frac{1}{48} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2+16}}{x} \right)^3 + C$$

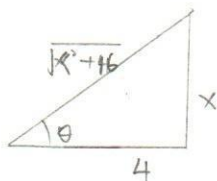
$$= -\frac{(x^2+16)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{48 x^3} + C$$

same factor doesn't work
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rewrite it to $\sin \theta$ & $\cos \theta$

It works!

$$\tan \theta = \frac{x}{4}$$



Check the answer:

$$- \frac{\frac{3}{2} (x^2+16)^{\frac{1}{2}} (2x) \cdot 48 x^3 - (x^2+16)^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 48 \cdot 3 x^2}{(48 x^3)^2}$$

$$= - \frac{3x \sqrt{x^2+16}}{48 x^3 \cdot 2} + \frac{\sqrt{x^2+16} (x^2+16) \cdot 48 \cdot 3 x^2}{16 x^6 \cdot 4} = - \frac{1}{16 x^2} \sqrt{x^2+16} + \frac{x^2+16}{16 x^4} \sqrt{x^2+16} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+16}}{x^4}$$

T06 - Ex 1

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

Solution :

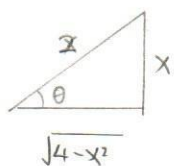
Let $x = 2 \sin \theta$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $\sin \theta = \frac{x}{2}$ and $dx = 2 \cos \theta d\theta$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{4-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{1}{4 \sin^2 \theta \cdot 2 \cos \theta} \cdot 2 \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int \csc^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \cot \theta + C$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{x} + C$$



Check the answer $\left(-\frac{1}{4} \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{x}\right)' = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-2x) \cdot x^2 - \sqrt{4-x^2}}{x^2}$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{x^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{1}{4}(4-x^2)}{x^2 \sqrt{4-x^2}} = \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

T06 - Ex 2

$$\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+4}} dx$$

Solution :

Let $x = 2 \tan \theta$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $\tan \theta = \frac{x}{2}$ and $dx = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$

$$\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2+4}} dx = \int \frac{8 \tan^3 \theta}{2 \sec \theta} \cdot 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int \tan^2 \theta \sec \theta d\theta$$

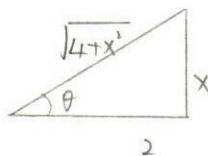
$$= 8 \int \tan^2 \theta (\tan \theta \sec \theta) d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int (\sec^2 \theta - 1) d\sec \theta$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \sec^3 \theta - 8 \sec \theta + C$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{4+x^2}}{2}\right)^3 - 8 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4+x^2}}{2} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (4+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 4 (4+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + C =: g(x)$$



Check the answer

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{4+x^2} \cdot (2x) - 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x^2}}$$

$$= x \sqrt{4+x^2} - 4 \frac{x}{\sqrt{4+x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{x(4+x^2) - 4x}{\sqrt{4+x^2}} = \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{4+x^2}}$$

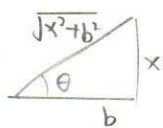
$$E(P) = \int_{-a}^{L-a} \frac{\lambda b}{4\pi\epsilon_0 (x^2+b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx \quad (b>0)$$

Solution 1: (by indefinite integral)

We first solve $\int \frac{dx}{(x^2+b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

Let $x = b \tan \theta$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $\tan \theta = \frac{x}{b}$ and $dx = b \sec^2 \theta d\theta$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(\sqrt{x^2+b^2})^3} = \int \frac{1}{(b \sec \theta)^3} \cdot b \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{b^2} \int \frac{1}{\sec \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{b^2} \int \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{b^2} \sin \theta + C$$



Thus, $\int \frac{dx}{(x^2+b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+b^2}} + C$

Check the answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{b^2} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+b^2}} \right)' &= \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+b^2} - x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x^2+b^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2x}{x^2+b^2} \\ &= \frac{x^2+b^2 - x^2}{b^2 (x^2+b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{1}{(x^2+b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(P) &= \frac{\lambda b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-a}^{L-a} \frac{1}{(x^2+b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx = \frac{\lambda b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{b^2} \left[\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+b^2}} \right]_{-a}^{L-a} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b} \left(\frac{L-a}{\sqrt{(L-a)^2+b^2}} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2: (by definite integral)

$$E(P) = \frac{\lambda b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{-a}^{L-a} \frac{1}{(x^2+b^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx$$

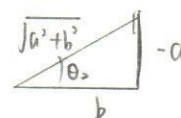
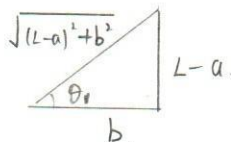
$$x = L-a \rightarrow \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{L-a}{b}\right)$$

$$x = -a \rightarrow \theta = \arctan\left(-\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\arctan(-\frac{a}{b})}^{\arctan(\frac{L-a}{b})} \frac{1}{(b \sec \theta)^3} \cdot b \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

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$$= \frac{\lambda b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{b^2} \left[\sin \theta \right]_{\arctan(-\frac{a}{b})}^{\arctan(\frac{L-a}{b})}$$



$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b} \left[\sin\left(\arctan\left(\frac{L-a}{b}\right)\right) - \sin\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{a}{b}\right)\right) \right]$$

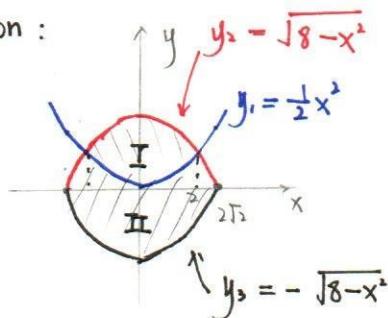
$$= \frac{\lambda}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b} \left(\frac{L-a}{\sqrt{(L-a)^2+b^2}} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \right)$$

T06 - Ex 4

The parabola $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ divides the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 8$ into two parts.

Find the areas of both parts.

Solution:



$$\text{Let } y_1(x) = y_2(x).$$

$$\text{we have } \frac{1}{2}x^2 = \sqrt{8-x^2}$$

$$x^4 + 4x^2 - 32 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+2)(x^2+8) = 0$$

Recall Area under the curve:

$$\text{then } x_1 = -2, x_2 = 2$$

$$S_I = \int_{-2}^2 y_1(x) - y_2(x) dx = \int_{-2}^2 \sqrt{8-x^2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 dx = 2 \int_0^2 \sqrt{8-x^2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 dx$$

We first find $\int \sqrt{8-x^2} dx$

$$\text{Let } x = 2\sqrt{2} \sin \theta, -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ then } \sin \theta = \frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}} \text{ and } dx = 2\sqrt{2} \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$\int \sqrt{8-x^2} dx = \int 2\sqrt{2} \cos \theta \cdot 2\sqrt{2} \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

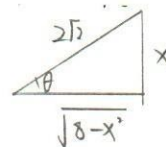
$$= 8 \int \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta d\theta$$

$$= 4\theta + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + C$$

$$= 4\theta + 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta + C$$

$$= 4 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) + 4 \cdot \frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{8-x^2}}{2\sqrt{2}} + C$$

$$= 4 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{8-x^2} + C$$



$$S_I = 2 \int_0^2 \sqrt{8-x^2} dx - \int_0^2 x^2 dx$$

$$= 2 \left[4 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{8-x^2} \right]_0^2 - \left[\frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_0^2$$

$$= 2 \left(4 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{8-4} - 0 - 0 \right) - \frac{1}{3} \cdot 8 = 2\pi + \frac{4}{3}$$

$$S_{II} = \int_{-2\sqrt{2}}^{2\sqrt{2}} y_2(x) - y_3(x) dx = \int_{-2\sqrt{2}}^{2\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{8-x^2} - (-\sqrt{8-x^2}) dx = 4 \int_0^{2\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{8-x^2} dx = 4 \left[4 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{8-x^2} \right]_0^{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$S_{II} = S_{II} - S_I = 8\pi - (2\pi + \frac{4}{3}) = 6\pi - \frac{4}{3}.$$

Partial Fractions

$$f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}, \text{ where } P \text{ and } Q \text{ are polynomials.}$$

Step 1: make f proper:

$$\text{Long division} \rightarrow f(x) = S(x) + \frac{R(x)}{Q(x)}$$

Step 2: Factor $Q(x) = c(x-a_1)^{\lambda_1} \cdots (x-a_s)^{\lambda_s} (x^2+p_1x+q_1)^{\mu_1} \cdots (x^2+p_tx+q_t)^{\mu_t}$
with $\lambda_i, \mu_j \in \mathbb{N}_+$, $\sum_{i=1}^s \lambda_i + 2\sum_{j=1}^t \mu_j = \deg(Q)$, $p_j^2 - 4q_j < 0, j=1, 2, \dots, t$

Step 3: Express $\frac{R(x)}{Q(x)}$ as a sum of partial fractions

$$\frac{A}{(ax+b)^i} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{Ax+B}{(ax^2+bx+c)^j} \quad (b^2-4ac < 0)$$

linear factor irreducible quadratic factor

• 4 Cases

• Then, solve A, B, C, D, \dots (May have tricks)

Step 4: Take integrals

$$\int \frac{1}{x-a} dx = \ln|x-a| + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-a)^k} dx = \frac{1}{-k+1} (x-a)^{-k+1} + C \quad k \geq 2$$

completing the square

$$\int \frac{x-a}{[(x-a)^2+b^2]^k} dx \quad \xrightarrow{u=(x-a)^2+b^2} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^k} du + C$$
$$\int \frac{1}{[(x-a)^2+b^2]^k} dx \quad \xrightarrow{x-a = b \tan u, -\frac{\pi}{2} < u < \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{b^{2k-1}} \int \cos^{2k-2} u du.$$
$$k=1, \quad \int \frac{dx}{x^2+a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{x}{a} + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-1)(x+2)^2} dx$$

Solution :

Step 1: Proper ✓

Step 2: $Q(x) = (x-1)(x+2)^2$

Step 3:

$$\frac{1}{(x-1)(x+2)^2} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+2} + \frac{C}{(x+2)^2}$$

Solve A, B, C

Multiply $(x-1)(x+2)^2$ on both sides

$$1 = A(x+2)^2 + B(x-1)(x+2) + C(x-1)$$

$$1 = A(x^2 + 4x + 4) + B(x^2 + x - 2) + C(x - 1)$$

$$1 = (A+B)x^2 + (4A+B+C)x + 4A-2B-C$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A+B=0 \\ 4A+B+C=0 \\ 4A-2B-C=1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = \frac{1}{9} \\ B = -\frac{1}{9} \\ C = -\frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Step 4: } \int \frac{1}{(x-1)(x+2)^2} dx = A \int \frac{1}{x-1} dx + B \int \frac{1}{x+2} dx + C \int \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} dx$$

$$= A \ln|x-1| + B \ln|x+2| - C \frac{1}{(x+2)} + \text{Const.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{9} \ln|x+2| + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{x+2} + C \quad \square$$

$$\int \frac{x^2+1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} dx$$

Solution :

Step 1: Proper ✓

$$\text{Step 2 : } b^2 - 4ac = (-2)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 2 = -4 < 0$$

$$Q(x) = (x^2 - 2x + 2)^2$$

$$\text{Step 3: Method 1: solving the equations} \quad \frac{x^2+1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2-2x+2} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2-2x+2)^2}$$

Multiply $(x^2-2x+2)^2$ on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2+1 &= (Ax+B)(x^2-2x+2) + Cx+D \\ &= Ax^3 + (-2A+B)x^2 + (2A-2B+C)x + 2B+D \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 0 \\ -2A+B = 1 \\ 2A-2B+C = 0 \\ 2B+D = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 0 \\ B = 1 \\ C = 2 \\ D = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{we have } \frac{x^2+1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} = \frac{1}{x^2-2x+2} + \frac{2x-1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2}$$

Method 2: try to write as x^2-2x+2

$$\frac{x^2+1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} = \frac{(x^2-2x+2)+2x-2+1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} = \frac{1}{x^2-2x+2} + \frac{2x-1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2}$$

Step 4: Taking integrals.

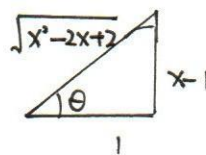
$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2-2x+2} = \int \frac{1}{(x-1)^2+1} dx = \arctan(x-1) + C_1$$

$$\int \frac{2x-1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} dx = 2 \int \frac{x-1}{\underbrace{[(x-1)^2+1]^2}} dx + \int \frac{1}{\underbrace{[(x-1)^2+1]^2}} dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} &= \int \frac{x-1}{[(x-1)^2+1]^2} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} u=(x-1)^2+1 \\ du=2(x-1)dx \end{array} \quad \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{[(x-1)^2+1]^2} 2(x-1) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^2} du \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{u} + C_2 \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{x^2-2x+2} + C_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{2} &= \int \frac{1}{[(x-1)^2+1]^2} dx \quad \text{Let } x-1 = \tan u \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < u < \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 &= \int \frac{1}{\sec^4 u} \cdot \sec^2 u du \quad dx = \sec^2 u du \\
 &= \int \cos^2 u du \quad \text{by } \int \cos^n x dx = \frac{1}{n} \cos^{n-1} x \sin x + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cos u \sin u + \frac{2-1}{2} \int \cos^0 u du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cos u \sin u + \frac{1}{2} u + C_3 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-2x+2}} \cdot \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x^2-2x+2}} + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(x-1) + C_3 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{x-1}{x^2-2x+2} + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(x-1) + C_3.
 \end{aligned}$$



Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \frac{x^2+1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} &= \tan^{-1}(x-1) - \frac{1}{x^2-2x+2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x-1}{x^2-2x+2} + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(x-1) + C \\
 &= \frac{x-3}{2(x^2-2x+2)} + \frac{3}{2} \tan^{-1}(x-1) + C \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Method in the slides:

$$\int \frac{2x-1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} dx = \int \frac{2x-2}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} dx + \int \frac{1}{[(x-1)^2+1]^2} dx \quad d(x^2-2x+2) = (2x-2) dx$$

$\stackrel{=: \textcircled{1}}{\quad} \quad \quad \quad \stackrel{=: \textcircled{2}}{\quad}$

$$\textcircled{1} = \int \frac{1}{(x^2-2x+2)} d(x^2-2x+2) = -\frac{1}{x^2-2x+2} + C_1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{Let } t = x-1, \quad dt = dx$$

$$\textcircled{2} = \int \frac{1}{(t^2+1)^2} dt$$

$$= \int \frac{t^2+1}{(t^2+1)^2} dt - \int \frac{t^2}{(t^2+1)^2} dt$$

$$d \frac{1}{t^2+1} = \frac{-2t}{(t^2+1)^2}$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{t^2+1} dt + \frac{1}{2} \int t d(t^2+1)^{-1}$$

$$= \arctan(t) + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{t}{t^2+1} - \int \frac{1}{t^2+1} dt \right] \quad \text{integration by parts.}$$

$$= \frac{t}{2(t^2+1)} + \frac{3}{2} \arctan(t) + C_2$$

$$= \frac{x-1}{2(x^2-2x+2)} + \frac{3}{2} \arctan(x-1) + C_2$$

$$\int \frac{2x-1}{(x^2-2x+2)^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x^2-2x+2} + \frac{x-1}{2} \frac{1}{x^2-2x+2} + \frac{3}{2} \arctan(x-1) + C$$

$$= \frac{x-3}{2(x^2-2x+2)} + \frac{3}{2} \arctan(x-1) + C \quad \square$$

Rationalizing substitutions for $\sqrt[n]{g(x)}$ Let $u = \sqrt[n]{g(x)}$ then $u^n = g(x)$

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x+1} dx$$

Solution: Let $u = \sqrt{x}$, then $x = u^2$, $dx = 2u du$

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x+1} dx = \int \frac{u}{u^2+1} \cdot 2u du$$

$$= 2 \int \frac{u^2}{u^2+1} du$$

$$\frac{u^2}{u^2+1} = \frac{(u^2+1)-1}{u^2+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{u^2+1}$$

$$= 2 \int du - 2 \int \frac{1}{u^2+1} du$$

$$= 2u - 2 \arctan(u) + C$$

$$= 2\sqrt{x} - 2 \arctan(\sqrt{x}) + C$$

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