# Anti-derivative of any polynomial over $(1 + x^4)$ ?

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# What is eventually achieved

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{x}{x^4 + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{x}{x^4 + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 1} dx \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \arctan(\sqrt{2}x + 1) \\ \ln(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1) \\ \ln(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int \frac{1}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^3}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^3}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^4}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^5}{(x^4 + 1)^2} d$$

#### But do not forget integration constant!

Here I would not deduce  $\int \frac{\dots}{x^4+1} dx$ , but only write some **very brief** steps for finding  $\int \frac{x^n}{(x^4+1)^2} dx$ .

# Some thoughts and questions for myself

Why for these two things eventually I can summarize the anti-derivatives into linear combinations of  $8 = 4 \times 2$  elementary(?) functions, with a 'coefficient matrix' of  $8 \times 8$  (also  $4 \times 4$  for the first). It is nice to see square matrix, giving rise of inverse matrix (for non-square matrix why can't us define inverse matrix as well?), but I do not quite understand how and why things can be successfully done (um... interesting / intriguing). Also, these functions are defined for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , but I do not think I will always be so lucky. These results, though not very tidy and not even known whether are simplest (can I just use 7 functions?), may worth appreciation.

Also, now I can only feel how matrices are going to work and trust online calculators for the way inverse matrix helps

finding the solution set to simultaneous equations, but I should be more familiar with such *linear algebra* for deeper understanding.

$$\int \frac{P(x)}{(1+x^4)^2} dx$$

# 0.1 Manipulating some matrices...

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\sqrt{2} & 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 & -2\sqrt{2} & 1 & 2\sqrt{2} \\ -\sqrt{2} & 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 & -2\sqrt{2} & 4 & 2\sqrt{2} & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & -2\sqrt{2} & 4 & 2\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -2\sqrt{2} & 1 & 2\sqrt{2} & 1 \\ 1 & -\sqrt{2} & 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & 1 & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{3}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & -\frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & 1 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{3}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & -\frac{1}{8} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{3}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & -\frac{1}{8} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & -\frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & -\frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & -\frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & -\frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & -\frac{1}{8} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(That is,  $(B_1|B_2|B_3|B_4|\cdots|B_8) = I_8$ )

By evaluating  $A^{-1}B_i$  where  $i=1,2,\cdots,8$ , and transpose each, we get, in ascending order of i, we get:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then if we combine them in one single  $8 \times 8$  matrix, we get:

$$M := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \\ 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \\ \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} \\ 0 & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} \\ \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(You may want to de-rationalize, that is, for example, change  $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16}$  to  $\frac{3}{8\sqrt{2}}$ , but it is up to you.) It turns out that,  $M = (A^{-1})^T$  (copying  $A^{-1}$  here)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & 0 & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & \frac{-1}{8} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{8} & \frac{-1}{8} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Anyway, now we can say that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{(x^4+1)^2} \\ \frac{x}{(x^4+1)^2} \\ \frac{x^2}{(x^4+1)^2} \\ \frac{x^3}{(x^4+1)^2} \\ \frac{x^4}{(x^4+1)^2} \\ \frac{x^5}{(x^4+1)^2} \\ \frac{x^6}{(x^4+1)^2} \\ \frac{x^7}{(x^4+1)^2} \end{pmatrix} = M \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1} \\ \frac{x}{x^2-\sqrt{2}x+1} \\ \frac{x}{x^2-\sqrt{2}x+1} \\ \frac{x}{(x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1)^2} \\ \frac{x}{(x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1)^2} \\ \frac{x}{(x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int \frac{1}{(x^4+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x}{(x^4+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^3}{(x^4+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^3}{(x^4+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^4}{(x^4+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^4}{(x^4+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{x^5}{(x^4+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{(x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{(x^2-\sqrt{2}x+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{(x^2-\sqrt{2}x+1)^$$

# 0.2 Some results beforehand

# 0.2.1 Definition of some functions to be utilized

$$f_1(x) = \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x + 1\right)$$

$$f_2(x) = -f_1(-x) = \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x - 1\right)$$

$$f_3(x) = \ln\left(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1\right)$$

$$f_4(x) = -f_3(x) = \ln\left(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1\right)$$

$$f_5(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1}$$

$$f_6(x) = -f_5(-x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1}$$

$$f_7(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1}$$

$$f_8(x) = f_7(-x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1}$$

#### 0.2.2 Some anti-derivatives results to be used

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx = -f_1(x) + \frac{1}{2}f_3(x) + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx = \sqrt{2}f_1(x) + C$$

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx = f_2(x) + \frac{1}{2}f_4(x) + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx = \sqrt{2}f_2(x) + C$$

$$\int \frac{x}{(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)^2} dx = -f_1(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}f_5(x) - f_7(x) + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)^2} dx = \sqrt{2}f_1(x) + f_5(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}f_7(x) + C$$

$$\int \frac{x}{(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1)^2} dx = f_2(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}f_6(x) - f_8(x) + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1)^2} dx = \sqrt{2}f_2(x) + f_6(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}f_8(x) + C$$

# 0.3 Driving to conclusion

Temporarily forgetting about integration constant,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int \frac{x}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{x}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1)^2} dx \\ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -f_1(x) + \frac{1}{2}f_3(x) \\ \sqrt{2}f_2(x) \\ -f_2(x) + \frac{1}{2}f_4(x) \\ \sqrt{2}f_2(x) - f_7(x) \\ \sqrt{2}f_2(x) + f_6(x) - \frac{1}{2}f_7(x) \\ \sqrt{2}f_2(x) + f_6(x) - \frac{1}{2}f_8(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ f_3(x) \\ f_4(x) \\ f_5(x) \\ f_6(x) \\ f_8(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int \frac{1}{(x^4+1)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{(x^4+1)^2}$$

REMINDER: Do not forget integration constant in practice.

# 0.4 An example

Let's say we are going to find:

$$\int \frac{x^6 + x^4 + 1}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx.$$

# 0.4.1 Using the above result

Consider the purple matrix, we sum up the first, fifth and seventh row (**only here I tranposed it to a column matrix** since otherwise I cannot display the whole row):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{32} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{32} + \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{32} \\ \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{32} + \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{32} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{32} \\ 0 + 0 + \frac{-1}{8} \\ 0 + 0 + \frac{-1}{8} \\ \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} + \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} + \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{16} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\int \frac{x^{6} + x^{4} + 1}{(x^{4} + 1)^{2}} dx\right) = \left(\frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \quad \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \quad \frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}} \quad -\frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}} \quad -\frac{1}{8} \quad -\frac{1}{8} \quad -\frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}} \quad \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}\right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{arctan}\left(\sqrt{2}x + 1\right) \\ \ln\left(x^{2} + \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) \\ \ln\left(x^{2} - \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) \\ \frac{x}{x^{2} + \sqrt{2}x + 1} \\ \frac{x}{x^{2} - \sqrt{2}x + 1} \\ \frac{1}{x^{2} - \sqrt{2}x + 1} \end{pmatrix} + (C)$$

$$\int \frac{x^{6} + x^{4} + 1}{(x^{4} + 1)^{2}} dx = \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \cdot \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \cdot \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x - 1\right) \\ + \frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}} \cdot \ln\left(x^{2} + \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) - \frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}} \cdot \ln\left(x^{2} - \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) \\ 1 \qquad x \qquad 1 \qquad x \qquad 1 \qquad 1 \qquad 1 \qquad 1$$

#### 0.4.1.1 Verifying

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}}\left(-\frac{2\sqrt{2}x}{x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}x}{x^2-\sqrt{2}x+1} - \frac{2}{x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1} + \frac{2}{x^2-\sqrt{2}x+1}\right)\right) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{-x^3}{4(x^4+1)}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(14\arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x+1\right) + 14\arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x-1\right) + \ln\left(x^2+\sqrt{2}x+1\right) - \ln\left(x^2-\sqrt{2}x+1\right)\right) = \frac{4\sqrt{2}(3x^2+4)}{x^4+1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx}\left(\cdots+C\right) = \frac{-3x^2(x^4+1) + x^3(4x^3)}{4(x^4+1)^2} + \frac{3x^2+4}{4(x^4+1)} = \frac{-3x^6-3x^2+4x^6+3x^6+4x^4+3x^2+4}{4(x^4+1)^2} = \frac{x^6+x^4+1}{(x^4+1)^2}.$$

# 0.4.1.1.1 Actually I computed by Microsoft mathsolver

#### Refer to here and here.

By the way, it is wise to realize that for such a long anti-derivative like above, relying on any calculator is ridiculous. Instead, use *Microsoft mathsolver* after chopping it into several parts and input by typing.

#### 0.4.1.2 Simplify the anti-derivative a little bit

$$\int \frac{x^6 + x^4 + 1}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx = \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x - 1\right) + \frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}} \ln\left(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) - \frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}} \ln\left(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) - \frac{x^3}{4(x^4 + 1)} + C$$

#### 0.4.2 Alternative method (kind of)

I know that:

$$\int \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x - 1\right) + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \ln\left(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \ln\left(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + C$$

$$\int \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 1} dx = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x - 1\right) - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \ln\left(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \ln\left(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + C$$

$$\therefore \int \frac{x^6 + x^4 + 1}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx = \int \frac{x^6}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx = \left(-\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{x^3}{x^4 + 1} + \frac{3}{4} \int \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 1} dx\right) + \int \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{x^3}{x^4 + 1} + \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x - 1\right)$$

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

Which you can see it is same as the one we just done.

#### 0.5 Another example

We want to find:

$$\int \frac{x^4 - x^6 + x^8}{(1 + x^4)^2} dx.$$

#### 0.5.1 Solution

By polynomial division  $(x^8 - x^6 + x^4) \div (x^8 + 2x^4 + 1) = 1 \cdots (-x^6 - x^4 - 1),$ 

$$\int \frac{x^8 - x^6 + x^4}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx = \int \frac{x^8 + 2x^4 + 1}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx - \int \frac{x^6 + x^4 + 1}{(x^4 + 1)^2} dx = \int dx - \cdots$$

$$= x - \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x + 1\right) - \frac{7}{8\sqrt{2}} \arctan\left(\sqrt{2}x - 1\right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}} \ln\left(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + \frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}} \ln\left(x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1\right) + \frac{x^3}{4(x^4 + 1)} + C.$$

# 0.5.2 Remark

Things like  $\int \frac{x^9}{(1+x^4)^2} dx$  can also be handled by using polynomial division to reduce the numerator to a polynomial with degree < 8.