

Question 1:

$$\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}} dx$$

using the substitution $x = 3 \cosh u$ and hence $dx = 3 \sinh u \, du$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \frac{(3 \cosh u)^2}{\sqrt{(3 \cosh u)^2 - 9}} \cdot 3 \sinh u \, du \\ &= \int \frac{9 \cosh^2 u}{\sqrt{9 \cosh^2 u - 9}} \cdot 3 \sinh u \, du \\ &= \int \frac{9 \cosh^2 u}{\sqrt{9(\cosh^2 u - 1)}} \cdot 3 \sinh u \, du \end{aligned}$$

Using the identity $\cosh^2 u - 1 = \sinh^2 u$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \frac{9 \cosh^2 u}{\sqrt{9 \sinh^2 u}} \cdot 3 \sinh u \, du \\ &= \int \frac{9 \cosh^2 u}{3 \sinh u} \cdot 3 \sinh u \, du \\ &= \int 9 \cosh^2 u \, du \\ &= 9 \int \cosh^2 u \, du \end{aligned}$$

Using the identity $\cosh^2 u = \frac{1 + \cosh 2u}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 9 \int \frac{1 + \cosh 2u}{2} \, du \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \int (1 + \cosh 2u) \, du \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \left(u + \frac{\sinh 2u}{2} \right) + C \\ &= \frac{9}{2} u + \frac{9}{4} \sinh 2u + C \end{aligned}$$

Using the identity $\sinh 2u = 2 \sinh u \cosh u$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{9}{2} u + \frac{9}{4} (2 \sinh u \cosh u) + C \\ &= \frac{9}{2} u + \frac{9}{2} \sinh u \cosh u + C \end{aligned}$$

Back-substitute $\cosh u = \frac{x}{3}$, $\sinh u = \frac{\sqrt{x^2-9}}{3}$, $u = \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + \frac{9}{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2-9}}{3} \cdot \frac{x}{3}\right) + C$$

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

Equivalently, using $t = \ln(t + \sqrt{t^2-1})$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{x^2-9} + \frac{9}{2} \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2-9}) + C$$

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