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1. (10 points) Showing all your work and completely simplifying your result, compute the following:

$$\int_0^{\pi} x \sec^2\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) dx$$

We can integrate-by-parts. Using LIATE, we choose $u = x$ (A for algebraic) and so $dv = \sec^2\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$. We then have...

x	$4 \tan\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$
1	$\sec^2\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$

Therefore, we have...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\pi} x \sec^2\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) dx &= 4x \tan\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} 4 \tan\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) dx \\
 &= 4x \tan\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \Big|_0^{\pi} - 16 \ln |\sec\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)| \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
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 &= 4 \left[\pi \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - 0 \tan(0) \right] - 16 \left[\ln |\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)| - \ln |\sec(0)| \right] \\
 &= 4 [\pi \cdot 1 - 0] - 16 [\ln |\sqrt{2}| - \ln |1|] \\
 &= 4\pi - 16 [\ln |\sqrt{2}| - 0] \\
 &= \boxed{4\pi - 16 \ln(\sqrt{2})} \\
 &= 4\pi - 16 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \ln(2) \\
 &= 4\pi - 8 \ln 2 \\
 &= 4(\pi - 2 \ln 2)
 \end{aligned}$$

2. (10 points) Determine whether the integral below converges or diverges. If it converges, find its value. If it diverges, explain why. Be sure to show all your work and full simplify your answer.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{1/\sqrt{3}} \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$$

Because of the ‘ $-\infty$ ’ in the limits of integration, the integral is improper. We first find an antiderivative. We know that...

$$\int \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \arctan x + C$$

Therefore, we have...

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{1/\sqrt{3}} \frac{dx}{1+x^2} &:= \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \int_b^{1/\sqrt{3}} \frac{dx}{1+x^2} \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \arctan x \Big|_b^{1/\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \arctan \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \arctan b \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{-\pi}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{3\pi}{6} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2\pi}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the integral converges to $\frac{2\pi}{3}$.

3. (10 points) Showing all your work and completely simplifying your result, compute the following:

$$\int \frac{-3x^2 + 4x + 8}{(2x + 1)(x^2 + 5)} dx$$

We use partial fractions. The degree of the numerator is two while the degree of the denominator is $1 + 2 = 3$. So, we need not perform polynomial long division. The denominator is already completely factored. The partial fraction decomposition then takes the form...

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-3x^2 + 4x + 8}{(2x + 1)(x^2 + 5)} &= \frac{A}{2x + 1} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 5} \\ &= \frac{A(x^2 + 5) + (Bx + C)(2x + 1)}{(2x + 1)(x^2 + 5)} \end{aligned}$$

Because the denominators are equal, the numerators must be equal. Therefore, we have...

$$\begin{aligned} -3x^2 + 4x + 8 &= A(x^2 + 5) + (Bx + C)(2x + 1) \\ -3x^2 + 4x + 8 &= (Ax^2 + 5A) + (2Bx^2 + Bx + 2Cx + C) \\ -3x^2 + 4x + 8 &= (A + 2B)x^2 + (B + 2C)x + (5A + C) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have...

$$\begin{aligned} x^2: \quad -3 &= A + 2B \\ x: \quad 4 &= B + 2C \\ 1: \quad 8 &= 5A + C \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting twice the second equation from the first, we have $-11 = A - 4C$. Adding this to four times the third equation, we find $21 = 21A$, which implies that $A = 1$. [Alternatively, by Heaviside's, we know that $A = \frac{-3(-1/2)^2 + 4(-1/2) + 8}{(-1/2)^2 + 5} = \frac{-3/4 - 2 + 8}{1/4 + 5} = \frac{21/4}{21/4} = 1$.] But then $-3 = 1 + 2B$, so that $B = -2$. Finally, we have $8 = 5 + C$, which implies $C = 3$. Therefore, we have...

$$\int \frac{-3x^2 + 4x + 8}{(2x + 1)(x^2 + 5)} dx = \int \left(\frac{1}{2x + 1} + \frac{-2x + 3}{x^2 + 5} \right) dx = \int \left(\frac{1}{2x + 1} + \frac{-2x}{x^2 + 5} + \frac{3}{x^2 + 5} \right) dx$$

Using the fact that the antiderivative of $\frac{ax}{x^2 + b} = \frac{a}{2} \ln |x^2 + b|$ (this can be found using the u -substitution $u = x^2 + b$), the antiderivative of $\frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$, and the fact $x^2 + 5 = x^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2$, we have...

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{2x + 1} + \frac{-2x}{x^2 + 5} + \frac{3}{x^2 + 5} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln |2x + 1| - \ln |x^2 + 5| + \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{5}}\right) + K$$

Therefore, we know...

$$\boxed{\int \frac{-3x^2 + 4x + 8}{(2x + 1)(x^2 + 5)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln |2x + 1| - \ln |x^2 + 5| + \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{5}}\right) + K}$$

4. (10 points) Showing all your work and completely simplifying your result, compute the following:

$$\int (2x + 1)^3 e^{-x} dx$$

Because this is of the form polynomial function times exponential function, we use integration-by-parts—specifically, tabular integration. Using LIATE, we continually choose u to be the polynomial and dv to be the exponential part. We then have. . .

u	dv
$(2x + 1)^3$	e^{-x}
$3(2x + 1)^2 \cdot 2 = 6(2x + 1)^2$	$-e^{-x}$
$12(2x + 1)^1 \cdot 2 = 24(2x + 1)$	e^{-x}
$24 \cdot 2 = 48$	$-e^{-x}$
0	e^{-x}

Therefore, we have. . .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int (2x + 1)^3 e^{-x} dx &= \boxed{-(2x + 1)^3 e^{-x} - 6(2x + 1)^2 e^{-x} - 24(2x + 1) e^{-x} - 48e^{-x} + C} \\
 &= -e^{-x} ((2x + 1)^3 + 6(2x + 1)^2 + 24(2x + 1) + 48) + C \\
 &= -e^{-x} (8x^3 + 36x^2 + 78x + 79) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

5. (10 points) Showing all your work and completely simplifying your result, compute the following:

$$\int \sec^8(\theta) \tan^3(\theta) d\theta$$

This is a trigonometric integral. We choose $u = \sec \theta$. So then $du = \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$. Using the fact that $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$, we know that $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$, i.e. $\tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta - 1$. But then...

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec^8(\theta) \tan^3(\theta) d\theta &= \int \sec^7 \theta \tan^2 \theta \cdot \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta \\ &= \int \sec^7(\theta)(\sec^2 \theta - 1) \cdot \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta \\ &= \int u^7(u^2 - 1) du \\ &= \int (u^9 - u^7) du \\ &= \frac{u^{10}}{10} - \frac{u^8}{8} + C \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\sec^{10} \theta}{10} - \frac{\sec^8 \theta}{8} + C} \\ &= \frac{\sec^8 \theta}{40} (4 \sec^2 \theta - 5) + C \end{aligned}$$

6. (10 points) Showing all your work and completely simplifying your result, compute the following:

$$\int x\sqrt{x-5} \, dx$$

Using u -substitution, we choose $u = x - 5$, so that $du = dx$. Because $u = x - 5$, we have $x = u + 5$. But then...

$$\begin{aligned} \int x\sqrt{x-5} \, dx &= \int (u+5)\sqrt{u} \, du \\ &= \int (u^{3/2} + 5u^{1/2}) \, du \\ &= \frac{2u^{5/2}}{5} + \frac{10u^{3/2}}{3} + C \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2(x-5)^{5/2}}{5} + \frac{10(x-5)^{3/2}}{3} + C} \\ &= \frac{2}{15} (x-5)^{3/2} (3(x-5) + 25) + C \\ &= \frac{2}{15} (x-5)^{3/2} (3x+10) + C \end{aligned}$$

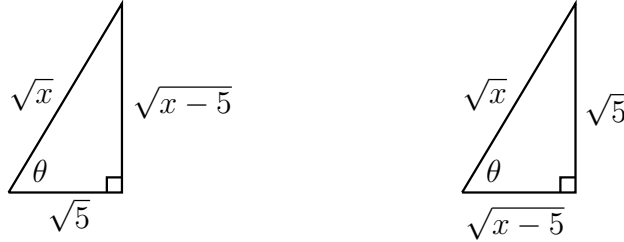
Alternatively, we can use integration-by-parts. Choosing $u = x$ and $dv = \sqrt{x-5}$, we have...

x	$\frac{2}{3}(x-5)^{3/2}$
1	$\sqrt{x-5}$

We then have...

$$\begin{aligned} \int x\sqrt{x-5} \, dx &= \frac{2}{3} x(x-5)^{3/2} - \int \frac{2}{3} (x-5)^{3/2} \, dx \\ &= \boxed{\frac{2}{3} x(x-5)^{3/2} - \frac{4}{15} (x-5)^{5/2} + C} \\ &= \frac{2}{15} (x-5)^{3/2} (5x - 2(x-5)) + C \\ &= \frac{2}{15} (x-5)^{3/2} (3x+10) + C \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we can use trig. substitution. We know from the Pythagorean Theorem that $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, which implies that $a^2 = c^2 - b^2$. Taking $c^2 = x$, i.e. $c = \sqrt{x}$, and $b^2 = 5$, i.e. $b = \sqrt{5}$, we have $a^2 = c^2 - b^2 = x - 5$. This also shows that $a = \sqrt{x - 5}$. There are two possible right triangles corresponding to these sides we could draw:



Using the right triangle on the left, we have $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{x}}$, so that $\sqrt{x} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\cos \theta} = \sqrt{5} \sec \theta$. So, $x = (\sqrt{x})^2 = (\sqrt{5} \sec \theta)^2 = 5 \sec^2 \theta$. But then $dx = 10 \sec \theta \cdot \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta = 10 \sec^2 \theta \tan \theta d\theta$. Observe that $\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x-5}}{\sqrt{5}}$, so that $\sqrt{x-5} = \sqrt{5} \tan \theta$. But then...

$$\int x \sqrt{x-5} dx = \int 5 \sec^2 \theta (\sqrt{5} \tan \theta) \cdot 10 \sec^2 \theta \tan \theta d\theta = \int 50\sqrt{5} \sec^4 \theta \tan^2 \theta d\theta$$

We choose $u = \tan \theta$, so that $du = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. We know that $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$, so that $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$. But then...

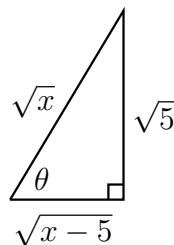
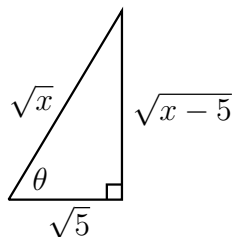
$$\int 50\sqrt{5} \sec^4 \theta \tan^2 \theta d\theta = 50\sqrt{5} \int \tan^2 \theta \sec^2 \theta \cdot \sec^2 \theta d\theta = 50\sqrt{5} \int \tan^2 \theta (\tan^2 \theta + 1) \cdot \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

So, we have...

$$50\sqrt{5} \int \tan^2 \theta (\tan^2 \theta + 1) \cdot \sec^2 \theta d\theta = 50\sqrt{5} \int u^2(u^2 + 1) du = 50\sqrt{5} \int (u^4 + u^2) du = 50\sqrt{5} \left(\frac{u^5}{5} + \frac{u^3}{3} \right) + C$$

Using the fact that $u = \tan \theta$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x-5}}{\sqrt{5}}$, we have...

$$\begin{aligned} 50\sqrt{5} \left(\frac{u^5}{5} + \frac{u^3}{3} \right) + C &= 50\sqrt{5} \left(\frac{\tan^5 \theta}{5} + \frac{\tan^3 \theta}{3} \right) + C \\ &= \boxed{50\sqrt{5} \left(\frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x-5}}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^5 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x-5}}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^3 \right) + C} \\ &= \frac{50\sqrt{5}}{15} \left(\frac{3(x-5)^{5/2}}{5^{5/2}} + \frac{5(x-5)^{3/2}}{5^{3/2}} \right) + C \\ &= \frac{50\sqrt{5}}{15(5^{5/2})} (x-5)^{3/2} (3(x-5) + 25) + C \\ &= \frac{10(5^{1/2})}{3(5^{5/2})} (x-5)^{3/2} (3x+10) + C \\ &= \frac{2}{15} (x-5)^{3/2} (3x+10) + C \end{aligned}$$



Alternatively, using the right triangle on the right, we have $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{x}}$, so that $\sqrt{x} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sin \theta} = \sqrt{5} \csc \theta$. So, $x = (\sqrt{x})^2 = (\sqrt{5} \csc \theta)^2 = 5 \csc^2 \theta$. But then $dx = 10 \csc \theta \cdot -\csc \theta \cot \theta d\theta = -10 \csc^2 \theta \cot \theta d\theta$. Observe that $\cot \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x-5}}{\sqrt{5}}$, so that $\sqrt{x-5} = \sqrt{5} \cot \theta$. But then...

$$\int x\sqrt{x-5} dx = \int 5 \csc^2 \theta (\sqrt{5} \cot \theta) \cdot -10 \csc^2 \theta \cot \theta d\theta = - \int 50\sqrt{5} \csc^4 \theta \cot^2 \theta d\theta$$

We choose $u = \cot \theta$, so that $du = -\csc^2 \theta d\theta$. We know that $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$, so that $1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$. But then...

$$- \int 50\sqrt{5} \csc^4 \theta \cot^2 \theta d\theta = 50\sqrt{5} \int \cot^2 \theta \csc^2 \theta \cdot -\csc^2 \theta d\theta = 50\sqrt{5} \int \cot^2 \theta (1 + \cot^2 \theta) \cdot -\csc^2 \theta d\theta$$

So, we have...

$$50\sqrt{5} \int \cot^2 \theta (1 + \cot^2 \theta) \cdot -\csc^2 \theta d\theta = 50\sqrt{5} \int u^2 (1 + u^2) du = 50\sqrt{5} \int (u^4 + u^2) du = 50\sqrt{5} \left(\frac{u^5}{5} + \frac{u^3}{3} \right) + C$$

Using the fact that $u = \cot \theta$ and $\cot \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x-5}}{\sqrt{5}}$, we have...

$$\begin{aligned} 50\sqrt{5} \left(\frac{u^5}{5} + \frac{u^3}{3} \right) + C &= 50\sqrt{5} \left(\frac{\cot^5 \theta}{5} + \frac{\cot^3 \theta}{3} \right) + C \\ &= \boxed{50\sqrt{5} \left(\frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x-5}}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^5 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x-5}}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^3 \right) + C} \\ &= \frac{50\sqrt{5}}{15} \left(\frac{3(x-5)^{5/2}}{5^{5/2}} + \frac{5(x-5)^{3/2}}{5^{3/2}} \right) + C \\ &= \frac{50\sqrt{5}}{15(5^{5/2})} (x-5)^{3/2} (3(x-5) + 25) + C \\ &= \frac{10(5^{1/2})}{3(5^{5/2})} (x-5)^{3/2} (3x+10) + C \\ &= \frac{2}{15} (x-5)^{3/2} (3x+10) + C \end{aligned}$$

7. (10 points) Showing all your work and completely simplifying your result, compute the following:

$$\int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx$$

Because this is of the form exponential function times sine or cosine, we recognize this as integration-by-parts—specifically a ‘looping’ integral. Doing this the ‘long way’, using LIATE, we choose $u = \sin(3x)$ and $dv = e^x$. We then have...

$\sin(3x)$	e^x
$3 \cos(3x)$	e^x

Therefore, we have...

$$\int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx = e^x \sin(3x) - \int 3e^x \cos(3x) \, dx$$

We now use LIATE again and choose $u = 3 \cos(3x)$ and $dv = e^x$. We then have...

$3 \cos(3x)$	e^x
$-9 \sin(3x)$	e^x

So that...

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx &= e^x \sin(3x) - \int 3e^x \cos(3x) \, dx \\ \int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx &= e^x \sin(3x) - \left(3e^x \cos(3x) - \int -9e^x \sin(3x) \, dx \right) \\ \int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx &= e^x \sin(3x) - 3e^x \cos(3x) + \int -9e^x \sin(3x) \, dx \\ \int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx &= e^x \sin(3x) - 3e^x \cos(3x) - 9 \int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx \\ 10 \int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx &= e^x \sin(3x) - 3e^x \cos(3x) \\ \int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx &= \boxed{\frac{e^x \sin(3x) - 3e^x \cos(3x)}{10} + C} \\ \int e^x \sin(3x) \, dx &= \frac{e^x}{10} (\sin(3x) - 3 \cos(3x)) + C \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we can use tabular integration:

u	dv
$\sin(3x)$	e^x
$3 \cos(3x)$	e^x
$-9 \sin(3x)$	e^x

Therefore, we have...

$$\int e^x \sin(3x) dx = e^x \sin(3x) - 3e^x \cos(3x) - 9 \int e^x \sin(3x) dx$$

$$10 \int e^x \sin(3x) dx = e^x \sin(3x) - 3e^x \cos(3x)$$

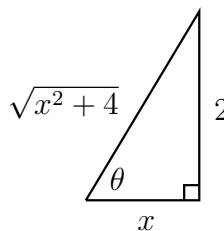
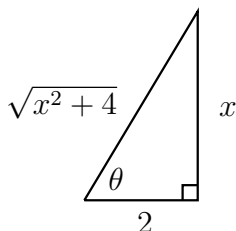
$$\int e^x \sin(3x) dx = \boxed{\frac{e^x \sin(3x) - 3e^x \cos(3x)}{10} + C}$$

$$\int e^x \sin(3x) dx = \frac{e^x}{10} (\sin(3x) - 3 \cos(3x)) + C$$

8. (10 points) Showing all your work and completely simplifying your result, compute the following:

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

We know from the Pythagorean Theorem that $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. Taking $a^2 = x^2$, i.e. $a = x$, and $b^2 = 4$, i.e. $b = 2$, we have $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = x^2 + 4$. This also shows that $c = \sqrt{x^2 + 4}$. There are two possible right triangles corresponding to these sides we could draw:



Using the right triangle on the left, we have $\tan \theta = \frac{x}{2}$, so that $x = 2 \tan \theta$. But then $dx = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$. Because $x = 2 \tan \theta$, we know $x^2 = 4 \tan^2 \theta$. Now observe that $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$. But then $\sqrt{x^2 + 4} = \frac{2}{\cos \theta} = 2 \sec \theta$. But then...

$$\int \frac{2}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 + 4}} dx = \int \frac{2}{4 \tan^2 \theta \cdot 2 \sec \theta} \cdot 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \int \frac{4 \sec^2 \theta}{8^2 \tan^2 \theta \sec \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sec \theta}{\tan^2 \theta} d\theta$$

Using the fact that $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$, we have...

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sec \theta}{\tan^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1/(\cos \theta)}{\left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}\right)^2} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\cancel{\cos \theta}} \cdot \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta$$

But then...

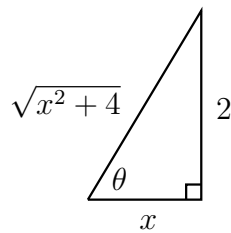
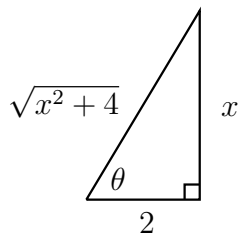
$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \cot \theta \csc \theta d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int -\csc \theta \cot \theta d\theta = -\frac{\csc \theta}{2} + C$$

Alternatively, we could have chosen $u = \sin \theta$, so that $du = \cos \theta d\theta$. This would have given...

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \cdot \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^2} du = -\frac{1}{2u} + C = -\frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} + C = -\frac{\csc \theta}{2} + C$$

But from the right-triangle on the left, we know that $\csc \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{x}$. Therefore, we have...

$$\int \frac{2}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 + 4}} dx = -\frac{\csc \theta}{2} + C = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{x} + C = -\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{2x} + C$$



Alternatively, using the right triangle on the right, we have $\tan \theta = \frac{2}{x}$, so that $x = \frac{2}{\tan \theta} = 2 \cot \theta$. But then $dx = -2 \csc^2 \theta \, d\theta$. Because $x = 2 \cot \theta$, we know $x^2 = 4 \cot^2 \theta$. Now observe that $\sin \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2+4}}$. But then $\sqrt{x^2+4} = \frac{2}{\sin \theta} = 2 \csc \theta$. But then...

$$\int \frac{2}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2+4}} \, dx = \int \frac{2}{4 \cot^2 \theta \cdot 2 \csc \theta} \cdot (-2 \csc^2 \theta) \, d\theta = \int \frac{\cancel{4}^{-1} \csc^{\cancel{2}} \theta}{8^2 \cot^2 \theta \csc \theta} \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\csc \theta}{\cot^2 \theta} \, d\theta$$

Using the fact that $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$ and $\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$, we have...

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\csc \theta}{\cot^2 \theta} \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1/(\sin \theta)}{\left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}\right)^2} \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\cancel{\sin \theta}} \cdot \frac{\sin^{\cancel{2}} \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \, d\theta$$

But then...

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int \tan \theta \sec \theta \, d\theta = -\frac{\sec \theta}{2} + C$$

Alternatively, we could have chosen $u = \cos \theta$, so that $du = -\sin \theta \, d\theta$. This would have given...

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \cdot (-\sin \theta) \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^2} \, du = -\frac{1}{2u} + C = -\frac{1}{2 \cos \theta} + C = -\frac{\sec \theta}{2} + C$$

But from the right-triangle on the right, we know that $\sec \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{x}$. Therefore, we have...

$$\int \frac{2}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2+4}} \, dx = -\frac{\sec \theta}{2} + C = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{x} + C = -\frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{2x} + C$$

9. (10 points) Showing all your work and completely simplifying your result, compute the following:

$$\int \frac{x^6}{x^{14} + 1} dx$$

We will make the u -substitution $u = x^7$, so that $du = 7x^6 dx$. But then...

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x^6}{x^{14} + 1} dx &= \int \frac{x^6}{(x^7)^2 + 1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \int \frac{7x^6}{(x^7)^2 + 1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} du \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \arctan u + C \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\arctan(x^7)}{7} + C} \end{aligned}$$