

$$\int 4x \arctan x \, dx$$

Solution

We will ignore the 4 for now and bring it back at the end. To integrate

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use integration by parts and some clever algebra after. Let $u = \arctan x$ and $dv = x \, dx$. Then $du = \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx$ and $v = \frac{x^2}{2}$ so

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \arctan x \, dx &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{x^2}{x^2+1} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{x^2+1-1}{x^2+1} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{(x^2+1)-1}{x^2+1} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{x^2+1}{x^2+1} - \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \int 1 - \frac{1}{x^2+1} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \arctan x - \frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} \arctan x + C. \end{aligned}$$

Now, recall the 4 we ignored. Therefore,

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