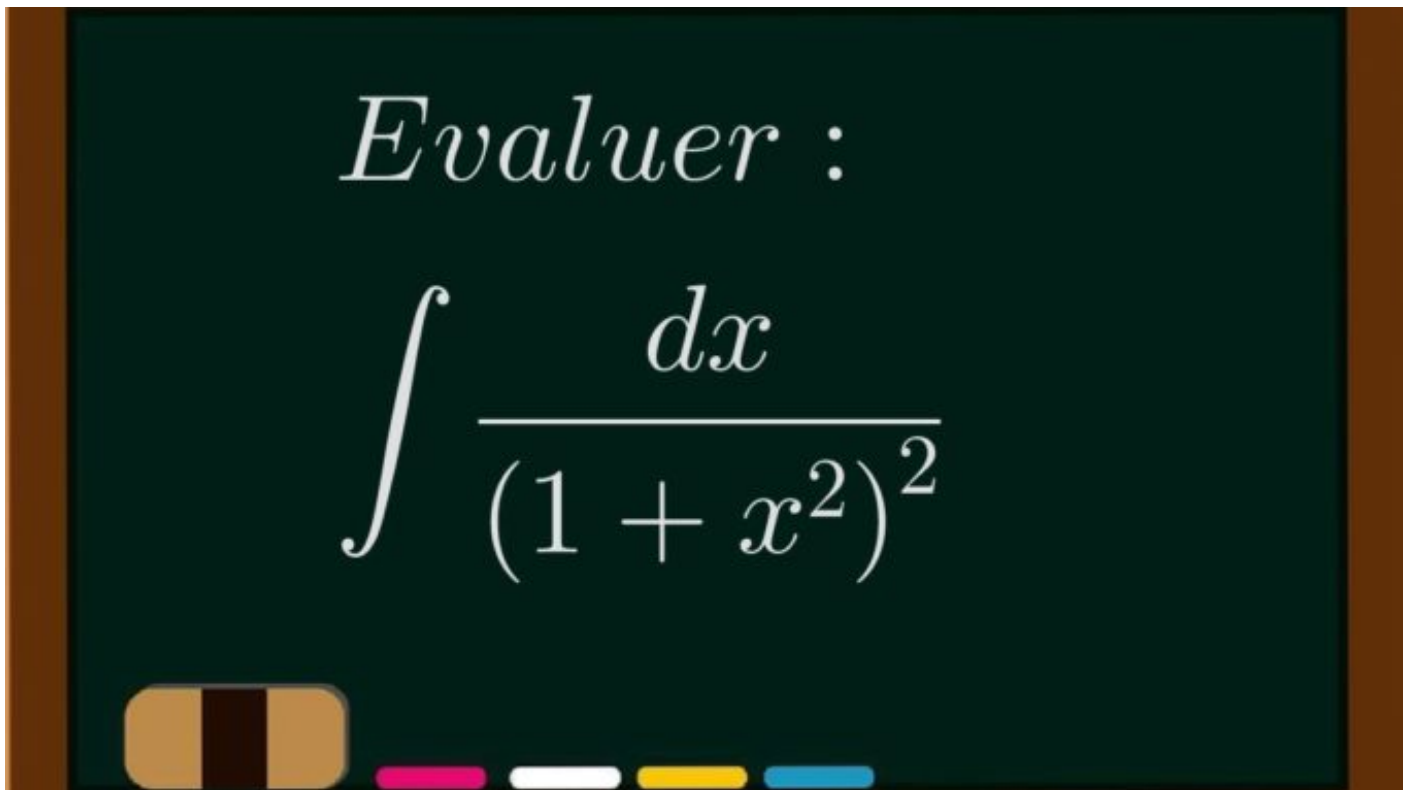


# OSTROGRADSKY'S METHOD



This method is used to isolate the algebraic part in indefinite integral of the rational functions

$$\int \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} dx = \frac{P_1(x)}{Q_1(x)} + \int \frac{P_2(x)}{Q_2(x)}$$

To find  $Q_1(x)$  :

This is the Greatest Common divisor of  $Q(x)$  and its derivative.

To find  $Q_2(x)$ :

$$Q_2(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{Q_1(x)}$$

To find  $P_1(x)$  and  $P_2(x)$  we use partial fractions decomposition.

Finally we take the derivative of both sides.

We carry out the integration.

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

$$P(x) = 1$$

$$Q(x) = (1+x^2)^2$$

$$Q'(x) = 4x(1+x^2)$$

Greatest common divisor of  $Q(x)$  and  $Q'(x)$

$$Q_1(x) = (1 + x^2)$$

$$Q_2(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{Q_1(x)} = \frac{(1 + x^2)^2}{1 + x^2} = 1 + x^2$$

Now we put all together:

$$\int \frac{dx}{(1 + x^2)^2} = \frac{Ax + B}{1 + x^2} + \int \frac{Cx + D}{1 + x^2}$$

Now we take the derivative of both sides:

$$\left( \int \frac{dx}{(1 + x^2)^2} = \frac{Ax + B}{1 + x^2} + \int \frac{Cx + D}{1 + x^2} \right)'$$

We get:

$$\frac{dx}{(1 + x^2)^2} = \left( \frac{Ax + B}{1 + x^2} \right)' + \frac{Cx + D}{1 + x^2}$$

$$\left( \frac{Ax + B}{1 + x^2} \right)' = \frac{A(1 + x^2) - 2x(Ax + B)}{(1 + x^2)^2}$$

$$\left( \frac{Ax + B}{1 + x^2} \right)' = \frac{A - 2Bx - Ax^2}{(1 + x^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{dx}{(1 + x^2)^2} = \frac{A - 2Bx - Ax^2}{(1 + x^2)^2} + \frac{Cx + D}{1 + x^2}$$

Common denominator:

$$1 = (A - 2Bx - Ax^2) + (Cx + D)(1 + x^2)$$

$$1 = A - 2Bx - Ax^2 + Cx + D + Cx^3 + Dx^2$$

$$1 = (A + D) + (C - 2B)x + (-A + D)x^2 + Cx^3$$

Checking the equality:

$$A + D = 1 \Rightarrow D = 1 - A$$

$$C - 2B = 0 \Rightarrow C = 2B$$

$$C = 0$$

$$D - A = 0 \Rightarrow A = D$$

But:

$$A + D = 1 \Rightarrow 2A = 1 \Rightarrow A = D = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C - 2B = 0 \Rightarrow C = 2B = 0$$

Putting it back:

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

Finally:

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

**Alternate methods:**

Trigonometric substitution:

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

Let:

$$x = \tan \theta$$

$$dx = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$1+x^2 = 1+\tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)^2} = \int \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{(\sec^2)^2 \theta} d\theta$$

$$\int \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{(\sec^2)^2 \theta} d\theta = \int \frac{d\theta}{\sec^2 \theta} = \int \cos^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$$

$$\int \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int (1 + \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$\int \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int \cos(2\theta) d\theta$$

$$\int \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4} + C$$

Back to  $x$ :

$$x = \tan \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\sin 2\theta = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

Finally:

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

