Calculus II Integrals of the form $\int \frac{Ax+B}{ax^2+bx+c} dx$, denominator has no real roots

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- We show examples; the general case is analogous and we leave it to the student.

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