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

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- Let $ax^2 + bx + c$ have no real roots.
- We can find p, q so that the linear substitution u = px + q transforms the quadratic to:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = r(u^2 + 1)$$

(where r is some number to be determined).

- To find p, q, we complete the square.
- In this way, integrals of the form $\int \frac{Ax + B}{ax^2 + bx + c} dx$ are transformed to combinations of building blocks IIa and IIIa.
- We show examples; the general case is analogous and we leave it to the student.

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

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

$$= \int \frac{u - \frac{1}{2}}{u^2 + \frac{3}{4}} du$$

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$$\int \frac{1}{u^2 + \frac{3}{4}} du = \int \frac{1}{\frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{4}{3}u^2 + 1\right)} du$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\frac{3}{4} \left(\left(\frac{2u}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 1\right)} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} d\left(\frac{2u}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \int \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} dz = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \arctan z + C$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^2 + \frac{3}{4}} d\left(u^2 + \frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(u^2 + \frac{3}{4}\right) + C$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \arctan \left(\frac{2u}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + C$$

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