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Find a closed form:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4 + x^2 + 1}$$

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$$\frac{dx}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)^2 - x^2} = \frac{1}{(x^2 - x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 - x + 1} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + x + 1} =$$

$$\frac{(A + C)x^3 + (A + B - C + D)x^2 + (A + B + C - D)x + (B + D)}{(x^2 - x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)}$$

$$\begin{cases} A + C = 0 \\ A + B - C + D = 0 \\ A + B + C - D = 0 \\ B + D = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A + C = 0 \\ A + B = 0 \\ B + D = 0 \\ C - D = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -\frac{1}{2} \\ B = \frac{1}{2} \\ C = \frac{1}{2} \\ D = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

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

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x - 1}{x^2 - x + 1} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx = -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2x - 1}{x^2 - x + 1} dx +$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 - x + 1} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx =$$

$$-\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d(x^2 - x + 1)}{x^2 - x + 1} + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d(x^2 + x + 1)}{x^2 + x + 1} + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} (-\ln(x^2 - x + 1) + \ln(x^2 + x + 1)) \Big|_0^{\infty} + \frac{1}{4} \left(\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} \right) =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left(\ln \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x^2 - x + 1} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\arctan \frac{x - \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} + \arctan \frac{x + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} =$$

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$$= \frac{1}{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x^2 - x + 1} - \ln 1 \right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 0 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \cdot \pi = \pi \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} = \pi \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \text{ (proved)}$$