

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

Find a closed form:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x^2 + x + 1 + \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1 + \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}} &= \frac{x^2 + x + 1 - \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{(x^2 + x + 1 + \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1})(x^2 + x + 1 - \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1})} = \\
\frac{x^2 + x + 1 - \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{(x^2 + x + 1)^2 - (x^4 + 3x^2 + 1)} &= \frac{x^2 + x + 1 - \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{x^4 + x^2 + 1 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x - x^4 - 3x^2 - 1} = \\
\frac{x^2 + x + 1 - \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{2x(x^2 + 1)} &= \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{2(x^2 + 1)} - \frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{2x(x^2 + 1)} \\
\int_{-1}^1 \left(\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{2(x^2 + 1)} - \frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{2x(x^2 + 1)} \right) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{x(x^2 + 1)} dx \\
f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{x(x^2 + 1)} &\rightarrow f(x) \text{ and } g(x) \text{ odd function} \\
\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = 0, \quad \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{x(x^2 + 1)} dx &= 0 \\
\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}}{x(x^2 + 1)} dx &= 0 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} - 0 = \frac{\arctan(x)}{2} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\arctan(1) - \arctan(-1)) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \\
\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x^2 + x + 1 + \sqrt{x^4 + 3x^2 + 1}} &= \frac{\pi}{4}
\end{aligned}$$