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Find a closed form:

$$\Omega = \int_1^\infty \frac{x^2}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} dx$$

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$$\Omega = \int_1^\infty \frac{x^2}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} dx = \int_1^\infty \frac{x^2}{x^2(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 1)} dx = \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 1} dx =$$

$$\stackrel{x=\frac{1}{y}}{\cong} \int_1^\infty \frac{-\frac{1}{y^2}}{y^2 + \frac{1}{y^2} + 1} dy = \int_1^\infty \frac{-\frac{1}{x^2}}{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 1} dx$$

$$2\Omega = \int_1^\infty \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 1} dx$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^\infty \frac{\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)' dx}{\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 3} \stackrel{y=x+\frac{1}{x}}{\cong} \frac{1}{2} \int_2^\infty \frac{1}{y^2 - 3} dy =$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \left(\ln \left| \frac{y - \sqrt{3}}{y + \sqrt{3}} \right| \right) - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \ln \left| \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2 + \sqrt{3}} \right|$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \ln 1 - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \ln \left| \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2 + \sqrt{3}} \right| = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \ln \left(\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}} \right)$$