

Trig-substitution.

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**Q1:** Substitute the  $x$ -terms in  $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$  by  $x = 2 \sin \theta$  and express the integral in terms of  $\theta$ .

**Q2:** Use double angle formula

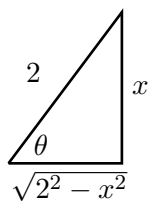
$$\sin^2 \spadesuit = \frac{1 - \cos 2\spadesuit}{2}$$

to evaluate the integral  $\int 4 \sin^2 \theta d\theta$

**Q3:** If  $x = 2 \sin \theta$ , find (express)  $2\theta - \sin(2\theta)$  in terms of  $x$  by using the formula

$$\sin(2\clubsuit) = 2 \sin \clubsuit \cos \clubsuit$$

and the following right triangle:



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**Q4:** Evaluate  $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$

**Answer to Q1:** If  $x = 2 \sin \theta$ , then

$$\sqrt{4-x^2} = \sqrt{4-(2 \sin \theta)^2} = \sqrt{4(1-\sin^2 \theta)} = \sqrt{4 \cos^2 \theta} = 2 \cos \theta \quad (0.1)$$

$$dx = d(2 \sin \theta) = 2 \cos \theta d\theta \quad (0.2)$$

Plug  $x = 2 \sin \theta$ , (0.1) and (0.2) into  $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$ , we have

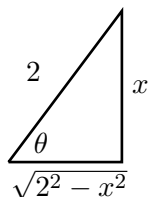
$$\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{(2 \sin \theta)^2}{\sqrt{4-(2 \sin \theta)^2}} \cdot 2 \cos \theta d\theta = \int \frac{(2 \sin \theta)}{2 \cos \theta} \cdot 2 \cos \theta d\theta = \int 4 \sin^2 \theta d\theta$$

**Answer to Q2:** According to **DOUBLE ANGLE FORMULA**  $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1-\cos 2\theta}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int 4 \cdot \sin^2 \theta d\theta &= \int 4 \cdot \frac{1-\cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta = \int 2 - 2 \cos 2\theta d\theta = \int 2 d\theta - \int 2 \cos 2\theta d\theta \\ &= 2\theta - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + C \end{aligned}$$

**Answer to Q3:** Recall in a right triangle,  $\sin \theta$  is defined to be ration of the length of the side that is **opposite** angle  $\theta$  to the length of the **hypotenuse**, i.e.,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$



If  $x = 2 \sin \theta$ , then  $\sin \theta = \frac{x}{2}$ . Then we can draw such a right triangle, with **opposite** =  $x$ , **hypotenuse** = 2, and the **adjacent** =  $\sqrt{2^2 - x^2}$  (can be computed by Pythagorean theorem.)

Therefore,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{\sqrt{2^2 - x^2}}{2}$$

Also,  $\sin \theta = \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}(\frac{x}{2})$ . Finally, combined with **DOUBLE ANGLE FORMULA**  $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$ , we have

$$2\theta - \sin(2\theta) = 2\theta - 2 \cdot \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta = 2 \sin^{-1}(\frac{x}{2}) - 2 \cdot \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2^2 - x^2}}{2}$$

**Answer to Q4:** Combination of Q1-Q3: If  $x = 2 \sin \theta$ , then

$$\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx \stackrel{Q1}{=} \int 4 \sin^2 \theta d\theta \stackrel{Q2}{=} 2\theta - \sin 2\theta + C \stackrel{Q3}{=} 2 \sin^{-1}(\frac{x}{2}) - 2 \cdot \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2^2 - x^2}}{2} + C$$

**Q:** Evaluate

$$\int \frac{dx}{(\sqrt{4+x^2})^3}$$

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**Step1:** Simplify the integral

$$\int \frac{dx}{(\sqrt{4+x^2})^3}$$

by certain trig-substitution (by setting  $x$  to be some trigonometric function and get rid of  $\sqrt{4+x^2}$ ).

**Step2:** Evaluate the integral  $\int \frac{1}{4 \sec \theta} d\theta$

**Step3:** If  $x = 2 \tan \theta$ , find (express)  $\frac{1}{4} \sin \theta$  in terms of  $x$ .

**Details of Step1:** Recall **Trig-Identity**  $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$ . If  $x = 2 \tan \theta$ , then

$$\sqrt{4 + x^2} = \sqrt{4 + (2 \tan \theta)^2} = \sqrt{4(1 + \tan^2 \theta)} = \sqrt{4 \sec^2 \theta} = 2 \sec \theta \quad (0.3)$$

$$dx = d(2 \tan \theta) = 2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta \quad (0.4)$$

Plug (0.3) and (0.4) into  $\int \frac{dx}{(\sqrt{4+x^2})^3} dx$ , we have

$$\int \frac{dx}{(\sqrt{4+x^2})^3} = \int \frac{2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{(2 \sec \theta)^3} = \int \frac{1}{4 \sec \theta} d\theta$$


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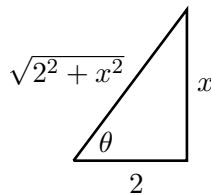
**Details of Step2:** According to **Trig-Identity**  $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$ , we have

$$\int \frac{1}{4 \sec \theta} d\theta = \int \frac{1}{4} \cos \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \sin \theta + C$$


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**Details of Step3:** Recall

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$$



If  $x = 2 \tan \theta$ , then  $\tan \theta = \frac{x}{2}$ . Then in the right triangle:

**opposite** =  $x$ , **adjacent** =  $2$ , and

the **hypotenuse** =  $\sqrt{2^2 + x^2}$  (can be computed by Pythagorean theorem.)

Therefore,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2^2 + x^2}}$$

Then,  $\frac{1}{4} \sin \theta = \frac{1}{4} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2^2 + x^2}}$ .

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**Answer to Q:** If  $x = 2 \tan \theta$ , then

$$\int \frac{dx}{(\sqrt{4+x^2})^3} \stackrel{\text{Step1}}{=} \int \frac{1}{4 \sec \theta} d\theta \stackrel{\text{Step2}}{=} \frac{1}{4} \sin \theta + C \stackrel{\text{Step3}}{=} \frac{1}{4} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2^2 + x^2}} + C$$