

Answer on Question # 28347 – Math – Calculus

integrate  $1/w(4-2w)^{1/2}$

**Solution.**

Take the integral:

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{4-2w}}{w} dw$$

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For the integrand  $\frac{\sqrt{4-2w}}{w}$ , substitute  $u = \sqrt{4-2w}$  and  $du =$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{4-2w}} dw:$$
$$= -\int \frac{2u^2}{4-u^2} du$$

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Factor out constants:

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

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For the integrand  $\frac{u^2}{4-u^2}$ , cancel common terms in the numerator and denominator:

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

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Factor out constants:

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

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For the integrand  $\frac{u^2}{u^2-4}$ , do long division:

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

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Integrate the sum term by term and factor out constants:

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

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For the integrand  $\frac{1}{u+2}$ , substitute  $s = u + 2$  and  $ds = du$ :

$$= -2 \int \frac{1}{s} ds + 2 \int 1 du + 2 \int \frac{1}{u-2} du$$

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For the integrand  $\frac{1}{u-2}$ , substitute  $p = u - 2$  and  $dp = du$ :

$$= 2 \int \frac{1}{p} dp - 2 \int \frac{1}{s} ds + 2 \int 1 du$$

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The integral of 1 is  $u$ :

$$= 2 \log(p) - 2 \log(s) + 2u + \text{constant}$$

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Substitute back for  $p = u - 2$ :

$$= -2 \log(s) + 2u + 2 \log(u - 2) + \text{constant}$$

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Substitute back for  $s = u + 2$ :

$$= 2u + 2 \log(u - 2) - 2 \log(u + 2) + \text{constant}$$

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Substitute back for  $u = \sqrt{4 - 2w}$ :

$$= 2\sqrt{4 - 2w} + 2 \log(\sqrt{4 - 2w} - 2) - 2 \log(\sqrt{4 - 2w} + 2) + \text{constant}$$

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Factor the answer a different way:

$$= 2(\sqrt{4 - 2w} + \log(\sqrt{4 - 2w} - 2) - \log(\sqrt{4 - 2w} + 2)) + \text{constant}$$

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An alternative form of the integral is:

$$= 2 \left( \sqrt{4 - 2w} + \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{4 - 2w} - 2}{\sqrt{4 - 2w} + 2} \right) \right) + \text{constant}$$

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Which is equivalent for restricted  $w$  values to:

**Answer:**

$$= 2\sqrt{4 - 2w} + 2 \log(2 - \sqrt{4 - 2w}) - 2 \log(\sqrt{4 - 2w} + 2) + \text{constant}$$