

Integrate with respect to x: $\int \frac{x^2}{(x-2)(x^2+1)} dx$

$$\frac{4}{5} \ln|x-2| + \frac{2}{5} \tan^{-1} x + c$$

$$\frac{4}{5} \ln|x-2| + \frac{1}{5} \ln|x^2+1| + \frac{2}{5} \tan^{-1} x + c$$

Solution

$$I = \int \frac{x^2}{(x-2)(x^2+1)} dx = \int \frac{x^2+1-1}{(x-2)(x^2+1)} dx = \int \left(\frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{1}{(x-2)(x^2+1)} \right) dx$$
$$\frac{1}{(x-2)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

Let's find A,B,C:

$$x^2: A + B = 0 \rightarrow B = -A$$

$$x: C - 2B = 0 \rightarrow C = 2B = -2A$$

$$1: A - 2C = 1 \rightarrow A - 2(-2A) = 1 \rightarrow A = \frac{1}{5}, B = -\frac{1}{5}, C = -\frac{2}{5}$$

So

$$\frac{1}{(x-2)(x^2+1)} = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{x+2}{x^2+1} \right)$$

$$I = \int \left(\frac{4}{5} \frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{x+2}{x^2+1} \right) dx = I_1 + I_2 + c$$

$$I_1 = \int \left(\frac{4}{5} \frac{1}{x-2} \right) dx = \frac{4}{5} \int \left(\frac{1}{x-2} \right) dx = \frac{4}{5} \int \frac{d(x-2)}{x-2} = \frac{4}{5} \ln|x-2|$$

$$I_2 = \int \left(\frac{1}{5} \frac{x+2}{x^2+1} \right) dx = \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{x+2}{x^2+1} dx = \frac{1}{5} \int \left(\frac{x}{x^2+1} + \frac{2}{x^2+1} \right) dx = I_3 + I_4$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{5} \int \left(\frac{x}{x^2+1} \right) dx = \frac{1}{5} \int \left(\frac{d\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)}{x^2+1} \right) = \frac{1}{10} \int \frac{d(x^2+1)}{x^2+1} = \frac{1}{10} \ln|x^2+1|$$

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{5} \int \left(\frac{2}{x^2+1} \right) dx = \frac{2}{5} \int \frac{dx}{x^2+1} = \frac{2}{5} \tan^{-1} x$$

Finally we have

$$I = \frac{4}{5} \ln|x-2| + \frac{1}{10} \ln|x^2+1| + \frac{2}{5} \tan^{-1} x + c$$

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{4}{5} \ln|x-2| + \frac{1}{10} \ln|x^2+1| + \frac{2}{5} \tan^{-1} x + c$$