

Answer on Question #44093 – Math – Integral Calculus

Integral of  $\sin^3 x / (1 + \cos x)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sin^3 x \, dx}{1 + \cos(x)} &= \int \frac{\sin^2 x \cdot \sin(x) \, dx}{1 + \cos(x)} = - \int \frac{\sin^2 x \cdot (-\sin(x)) \, dx}{1 + \cos(x)} = |use \, d(\cos(x)) = -\sin(x) \, dx| = \\ &= - \int \frac{\sin^2 x \, d(\cos(x))}{1 + \cos(x)} = \\ &= - \int \frac{(1 - \cos^2 x) \, d(\cos(x))}{1 + \cos(x)} = |use \, a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)| \\ &= - \int \frac{(1 - \cos(x))(1 + \cos(x)) \, d(\cos(x))}{1 + \cos(x)} = |use \, \int -f(x) \, dx = - \int f(x) \, dx| \\ &= \int (-(1 - \cos(x))) \, d(\cos(x)) = \\ &= |use \, d(-\cos(x)) = -d(\cos(x))| = \int (1 - \cos(x)) \, d(-\cos(x)) = |use \, d(f(x) + g(x)) = \\ &d(f(x)) + d(g(x)) = f'(x) \, dx + g'(x) \, dx, (1)' = 0| = \int (1 - \cos(x)) \, d(1 - \cos(x)) = \\ |substitution \, t = 1 - \cos(x)| &= \int t \, dt = \frac{t^2}{2} + C = \frac{(1 - \cos(x))^2}{2} + C = \frac{\left(2\sin^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right)^2}{2} + C = \frac{4\sin^4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}{2} + C = \\ &= 2\sin^4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary real constant. Moreover,  $\cos(x) \neq -1, x \neq \pi + 2k\pi, k$  is integer.

**Answer:**  $2\sin^4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$