

Answer on Question #53070 – Math – Integral Calculus

Integrate:

$$\int \frac{dx}{a + b \sin x}$$

Solution

Let

$$t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$$

By the double-angle formula for the sine function

$$\sin x = 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2} = 2t \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} = \frac{2t}{\sec^2 \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$$

The differential dx can be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} = \frac{1+t^2}{2}$$

$$dx = \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt$$

Substitute

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{a + b \sin x} &= \int \frac{\frac{2}{1+t^2} dt}{a + b \frac{2t}{1+t^2}} = \int \frac{\frac{2}{1+t^2} dt}{\frac{a + at^2 + 2bt}{1+t^2}} = \int \frac{2dt}{a + at^2 + 2bt} \\ &= \int \frac{2dt}{a \left(t^2 + \frac{2b}{a} t \right) + a} = \int \frac{2dt}{a \left(t^2 + 2 \frac{b}{a} t + \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 \right) + a} \\ &= \int \frac{2dt}{a \left(\left(t + \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 \right) + a} \\ &= \int \frac{2dt}{a \left(t + \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{a} + a} = \frac{2}{a} \int \frac{dt}{\left(t + \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 + 1 - \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{a} \int \frac{d \left(t + \frac{b}{a} \right)}{\left(t + \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 + 1 - \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2} = \frac{2}{a} \int \frac{d \left(t + \frac{b}{a} \right)}{\left(t + \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 + 1 - \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Now we have 3 different cases:

- 1) If $1 - \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 \geq 0$, which is equivalent to $a^2 \geq b^2$

$$I = \frac{2}{a} \int \frac{d\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)}{\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 + 1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2} = \frac{2}{a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2}} \arctan\left(\frac{t + \frac{b}{a}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2}}\right) + C = \frac{2}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} \arctan\left(\frac{a \tan\frac{x}{2} + b}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}\right) + C,$$

where C is an arbitrary real constant.

2) If $1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 = b^2$

$$I = \frac{2}{a} \int \frac{d\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)}{\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 + 1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2} = \frac{2}{a} \int \frac{d\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)}{\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)^2} = \frac{2}{a} \int \left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)^{-2} d\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right) = \frac{2}{a} \frac{\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)^{-2+1}}{-2+1} + C = \frac{-2}{a\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)} + C = \frac{-2}{a \tan\frac{x}{2} + b} + C$$

3) If $1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 < 0 \Rightarrow a^2 < b^2$

$$I = \frac{2}{a} \int \frac{d\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)}{\left(t + \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 + 1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2} = \frac{2}{a} \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{t + \frac{b}{a} - \left(\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - 1\right)}{t + \frac{b}{a} + \left(\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - 1\right)} \right| + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \ln \left| \frac{\tan\frac{x}{2} + \frac{b}{a} - \left(\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - 1\right)}{\tan\frac{x}{2} + \frac{b}{a} + \left(\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - 1\right)} \right| + C$$

Answer: $\frac{2}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} \arctan\left(\frac{a \tan\frac{x}{2} + b}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}\right) + c$, if $a^2 > b^2$

$\frac{-2}{a \tan\frac{x}{2} + b} + C$, if $a^2 = b^2$

$\frac{1}{a} \ln \left| \frac{\tan\frac{x}{2} + \frac{b}{a} - \left(\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - 1\right)}{\tan\frac{x}{2} + \frac{b}{a} + \left(\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - 1\right)} \right| + C$, if $a^2 < b^2$