

Problem:

$$\int \frac{x^2}{(bx + a)^2} dx$$

Substitute $u = bx + a \longrightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = b$ (steps) $\longrightarrow$

$$dx = \frac{1}{b} du, \text{ use:}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{(u - a)^2}{b^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{b^3} \int \frac{(u - a)^2}{u^2} du$$

... or choose an alternative:

Substitute $\frac{x}{bx + a}$

Substitute $\frac{bx + a}{x}$

Don't substitute

Now solving:

$$\int \frac{(u - a)^2}{u^2} du$$

Expand:

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

Apply linearity:

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

Now solving:

$$\int \frac{1}{u} du$$

This is a standard integral:

$$= \ln(u)$$

Now solving:

$$\int \frac{1}{u^2} du$$

Apply power rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \int u^n du &= \frac{u^{n+1}}{n+1} \text{ with } n = -2: \\ &= -\frac{1}{u} \end{aligned}$$

Now solving:

$$\int 1 du$$

Apply constant rule:

$$= u$$

Plug in solved integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} -2a \cdot \int \frac{1}{u} du + a^2 \int \frac{1}{u^2} du + \int 1 du \\ = -2a \ln(u) + u - \frac{a^2}{u} \end{aligned}$$

Plug in solved integrals:

$$\frac{1}{b^3} \int \frac{(u-a)^2}{u^2} du$$
$$= -\frac{2a \ln(u)}{b^3} + \frac{u}{b^3} - \frac{a^2}{b^3 u}$$

Undo substitution $u = bx + a$:

$$= -\frac{2a \ln(bx + a)}{b^3} - \frac{a^2}{b^3 (bx + a)} + \frac{bx + a}{b^3}$$

The problem is solved. Apply the absolute value function to arguments of logarithm functions in order to extend the antiderivative's domain:

$$\int \frac{x^2}{(bx + a)^2} dx$$
$$= -\frac{2a \ln(|bx + a|)}{b^3} - \frac{a^2}{b^3 (bx + a)} + \frac{bx + a}{b^3} + C$$

Rewrite/simplify:

$$= \frac{bx - 2a \ln(|bx + a|)}{b^3} - \frac{a^2}{b^3 (bx + a)} + C$$

ANTIDERIVATIVE COMPUTED BY MAXIMA:

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) =$$

$$-\frac{2a \ln(|bx + a|)}{b^3} - \frac{a^2}{b^4 x + ab^3} + \frac{x}{b^2} + C$$