

Problem:

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-2)^2 \sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 5}} dx$$

Substitute $u = x - 2 \longrightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 1$ (steps) $\longrightarrow$

$dx = du$, use:

$$x^2 = (u + 2)^2$$

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

... or choose an alternative:

Don't substitute

Perform trigonometric substitution:

Substitute $u = \tan(v) \longrightarrow v = \arctan(u)$,

$$du = \sec^2(v) dv \text{ (steps):}$$

$$= \int \frac{\sec^2(v)}{\tan^2(v) \sqrt{\tan^2(v) + 1}} dv$$

Simplify using $\tan^2(v) + 1 = \sec^2(v)$:

$$= \int \frac{\sec(v)}{\tan^2(v)} dv$$

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Rewrite/simplify using trigonometric/hyperbolic identities:

$$= \int \frac{\cos(v)}{\sin^2(v)} dv$$

Substitute $w = \sin(v) \longrightarrow \frac{dw}{dv} = \cos(v)$ (steps) $\longrightarrow$

$$dv = \frac{1}{\cos(v)} dw:$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{w^2} dw$$

Apply power rule:

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

Undo substitution $w = \sin(v)$:

$$= -\frac{1}{\sin(v)}$$

Undo substitution $v = \arctan(u)$, use:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\arctan(u)) &= \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 1}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{u^2 + 1}}{u} \end{aligned}$$

Undo substitution $u = x - 2$:

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{(x-2)^2 + 1}}{x-2}$$

The problem is solved:

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-2)^2 \sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 5}} dx$$
$$= -\frac{\sqrt{(x-2)^2 + 1}}{x-2} + C$$

ANTIDERIVATIVE COMPUTED BY MAXIMA:

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

$$-\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 5}}{x-2} + C$$

