

STEP III 2013

$$t = \tan \frac{1}{2}x$$

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

$$\text{Now } 1 + \tan^2 \frac{1}{2}x = \sec^2 \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\therefore \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \tan^2 \frac{1}{2}x) \quad \therefore \boxed{\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + t^2)} \text{ as required}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x &= \sin \left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x \right) = 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}x \cos \frac{1}{2}x \\ &= 2 \tan \frac{1}{2}x \cos^2 \frac{1}{2}x \end{aligned}$$

$$\sec^2 \frac{1}{2}x = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}x} \quad \therefore \cos^2 \frac{1}{2}x = \frac{1}{\sec^2 \frac{1}{2}x} = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{1}{2}x}$$

$$\therefore \sin x = \frac{2 \tan \frac{1}{2}x}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{1}{2}x} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}} \text{ as required}$$

$$\text{Consider } I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{1 + a \sin x} dx \quad \text{let } t = \tan \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\text{From above } \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + t^2) \quad \therefore dx = \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt$$

$$\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \quad \text{when } x=0, t=0 \\ x=\frac{\pi}{2}, t = \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

$$\therefore I = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2at}{1+t^2}} \cdot \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt$$

$$I = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+t^2+2at} dt$$

$$\text{Now } \boxed{\int \frac{1}{a^2+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + C} \quad [\text{Standard integral}]$$

So need to write $1+t^2+2at$ in this form.

$$\text{Completing the square: } t^2 + 2at + 1 = (t+a)^2 - a^2 + 1$$

$$\text{So } I = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(t+a)^2 + (1-a^2)} dt$$

$$\text{let } z = t+a \quad \therefore I = 2 \int_a^{1+a} \frac{1}{z^2 + (1-a^2)} dz$$

$$I = 2 \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) \right]_a^{1+a}$$

[So this explains requirement $0 < a < 1$]

$$I = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \left\{ \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1+a}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) \right\}$$

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i.e. $\sqrt{1-a^2}$ only
valid if $|a| \leq 1$

Now

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\text{So } A \pm B = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B} \right)$$

$$\text{let } \tan A = x \\ \tan B = y$$

$$\therefore \tan^{-1} x \pm \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x \pm y}{1 \mp xy} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1+a}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{1+a}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} - \frac{a}{\sqrt{1-a^2}}}{1 + \left(\frac{1+a}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right)} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1+a-a}{\sqrt{1-a^2} \left(1 + \frac{a+a^2}{1-a^2} \right)} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1-a^2}{\sqrt{1-a^2} (1-a^2 + a+a^2)} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1-a^2}{\sqrt{1-a^2} (1+a)} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{(1+a)(1-a)}{\sqrt{1+a} \sqrt{1-a} (1+a)} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-a}}{\sqrt{1+a}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{1+a \sin x} dx = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-a}}{\sqrt{1+a}} \right)$$

as required

[$0 < a < 1$]

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Now let $I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin^n x}{a + \sin x} dx \quad n \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{n+1} + 2I_n &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin^{n+1} x + 2\sin^n x}{a + \sin x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin^n x (\sin x + 2)}{\sin x + a} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^n x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$I_0 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{a + \sin x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \sin x} dx$$

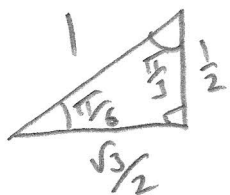
using the first result: $I_0 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{1}{2})^2}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2}}} \right)$

$$I_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}} \right)$$

$$I_0 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$I_0 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\boxed{I_0 = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}}$$



$$I_1 + 2I_0 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin x dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\boxed{I_1 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$I_2 + 2I_1 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2 x dx = \left[-\cos x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = (-\cos \frac{\pi}{2}) - (-\cos 0) = 1$$

$$\boxed{I_2 = 1 - \pi + \frac{4\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore I_3 + 2I_2 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 - \cos 2x) \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) - (0 - 0) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore I_3 = \frac{\pi}{4} - 2 \left(1 - \pi + \frac{4\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$I_3 = \pi \left(\frac{1}{4} + 2 - \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right) - 2$$

$$\boxed{I_3 = \pi \left(\frac{9}{4} - \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{9} \right) - 2}$$