

Evaluate: $\int \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx = \int \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\frac{2}{x^2}}{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}} - \frac{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{x^2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}{\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Putting $x - \frac{1}{x} = u$ in first integral and $x + \frac{1}{x} = v$ in second integral, we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dv}{v^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{v - \sqrt{2}}{v + \sqrt{2}} \right| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x - 1/x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{x + 1/x - \sqrt{2}}{x + 1/x + \sqrt{2}} \right| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{\sqrt{2}x} \right) - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1}{x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1} \right| + C \end{aligned}$$