

Integration of $\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$

In

$$\int \sqrt{x^2 + 1} dx$$

let's substitute $x = \tan \theta$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = \sqrt{\tan^2 \theta + 1} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}} = \sec \theta$$

$$dx = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\int \sqrt{x^2 + 1} dx = \int \sec^3 \theta d\theta$$

