

Part A: Find the integral and simplify: show **all** your work.

$$\int \frac{1}{(x+2)(x^2+1)} dx$$

Find the partial fractions decomposition:

$$\frac{1}{(x+2)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$

$$1 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x+2)$$

$$1 = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 + 2Bx + Cx + 2C$$

$$1 = (A+B)x^2 + (2B+C)x + (A+2C)$$

$$\implies A+B=0,$$

$$2B+C=0,$$

$$A+2C=1$$

Solve that system to find that $A = \frac{1}{5}$, $B = -\frac{1}{5}$, and $C = \frac{2}{5}$

So now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{(x+2)(x^2+1)} dx &= \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{x+2} dx - \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx + \frac{2}{5} \int \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \ln|x+2| - \frac{1}{10} \ln(x^2+1) + \frac{2}{5} \tan^{-1}(x) + C \end{aligned}$$

(You can have good practice filling in the details of the three integrations in that last step!)

Part B: Find the value of the improper integral if it exists, otherwise show that it diverges: show all your work and simplify your answer.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_9^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{3/2}} &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_9^b x^{-3/2} dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [-2x^{-1/2}]_9^b \\ &= -2(9^{-1/2}) - \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (-2b^{-1/2}) \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} + 2 \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \right) \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} + 2(0) = -\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$