

**Solution** (#1433) Note that

$$x^4 + a^4 = (x^2 - \sqrt{2}ax + a^2)(x^2 + \sqrt{2}ax + a^2),$$

and

$$\frac{1}{x^4 + a^4} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}a^3} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}a - x}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}ax + a^2} + \frac{x + \sqrt{2}a}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}ax + a^2} \right\};$$
$$\frac{x^2}{x^4 + a^4} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}a} \left\{ \frac{x}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}ax + a^2} - \frac{x}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}ax + a^2} \right\}.$$

(i) and (ii) So

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^4 + a^4} dx = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}a^3}, \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{x^4 + a^4} dx = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}a}.$$

(iii) Using the identities from (i) with  $a = 1$  we see

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^4 + 1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[ \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2}x - 1) + \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2}x + 1) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1}{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1} \right) \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} + \ln(\sqrt{2} + 1) \right].$$

(iv) And using the calculations from (ii) with  $a = 1$  we see

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^2 dx}{x^4 + 1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1}{x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1} \right) + \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2}x - 1) + \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2}x + 1) \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - \ln(\sqrt{2} + 1) \right].$$

The first two integrals can be found from the integrals set in #1410 (but the last two cannot) by setting  $x = au$  and  $x^2 = a^2u$  respectively.