

**Solution** (#1435) Note that

$$(3x + 4)^2 = 9x^2 + 24x + 16 = 9(x^2 + 2x + 3) + 2(3x + 4) - 19,$$

so we see

$$I_{m,n} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{[9(x^2 + 2x + 3) + 2(3x + 4) - 19] (3x + 4)^{m-2}}{(x^2 + 2x + 3)^n} dx = 9I_{m-2,n-1} + 2I_{m-1,n} - 19I_{m-2,n}$$

providing  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 1$ . So applying this recursion to  $I_{3,4}$  we find

$$I_{3,4} = 9I_{1,3} + 2I_{2,4} - 19I_{1,4} \quad \text{and} \quad I_{2,4} = 9I_{0,3} + 2I_{1,4} - 19I_{0,4}$$

so that

$$I_{3,4} = 9I_{1,3} + 18I_{0,3} + 4I_{1,4} - 38I_{0,4} - 19I_{1,4} = 9I_{1,3} - 15I_{1,4} + 18I_{0,3} - 38I_{0,4}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} I_{0,n} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 2x + 3)^n} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{du}{(u^2 + 2)^n} \quad [x = u - 1] \\ &= 2^{1/2-n} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{(\sec^2 \theta)^n} \quad [u = \sqrt{2} \tan \theta] \\ &= 2^{3/2-n} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^{2n-2} \theta d\theta \\ &= 2^{3/2-n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1} \frac{\pi}{2^{2n-1}} \quad [\text{as found in \#263}] \\ &= \binom{2n-2}{n-1} \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{2^{3n-2}}. \end{aligned}$$

And finally setting  $u = x + 1$  we see

$$I_{1,n} - I_{0,n} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(3x + 3) dx}{(x^2 + 2x + 3)^n} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{3u du}{(u^2 + 2)^n} = 0$$

as the integrand is odd. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{3,4} &= 9I_{1,3} - 15I_{1,4} + 18I_{0,3} - 38I_{0,4} \\ &= 9I_{0,3} - 15I_{0,4} + 18I_{0,3} - 38I_{0,4} \\ &= 27I_{0,3} - 53I_{0,4} \\ &= 27 \binom{4}{2} \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{2^7} - 53 \binom{6}{3} \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{2^{10}} \\ &= \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{2^{10}} \{27 \times 6 \times 8 - 53 \times 20\} \\ &= \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{2^8} \{324 - 265\} \\ &= \frac{59\pi\sqrt{2}}{256}. \end{aligned}$$