

**Solution** (#1473) If we split the integral on  $(0, 2\pi)$  to two on  $(0, \pi)$  and  $(\pi, 2\pi)$  and make the  $t = \tan(x/2)$  substitution and recall that

$$\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}, \quad \cos t = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \quad dx = \frac{2 dt}{1+t^2},$$

then we find

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2 x}{2 + \cos x} dx &= \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^2 x}{2 + \cos x} dx + \int_\pi^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2 x}{2 + \cos x} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2}\right)^2}{2 + \left(\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}\right)} \left(\frac{2 dt}{1+t^2}\right) + \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2}\right)^2}{2 + \left(\frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}\right)} \left(\frac{2 dt}{1+t^2}\right) \\ &= 8 \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{\left(\frac{t}{1+t^2}\right)^2}{2(1+t^2) + (1-t^2)} dt \\ &= 8 \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{t^2}{(1+t^2)^2(3+t^2)} dt \\ &= 8 \int_{-\infty}^\infty \left\{ -\frac{3}{4(3+t^2)} + \frac{3}{4(1+t^2)} - \frac{1}{2(1+t^2)^2} \right\} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now if we set  $t = \sqrt{3} \tan \theta$  in the first integral and  $t = \tan \theta$  in the second and third integrals, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2 x}{2 + \cos x} dx &= 8 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left\{ -\frac{3\sqrt{3} \sec^2 \theta}{4(3 \sec^2 \theta)} + \frac{3 \sec^2 \theta}{4 \sec^2 \theta} - \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{2(\sec^2 \theta)^2} \right\} d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left\{ -2\sqrt{3} + 6 - 4 \cos^2 \theta \right\} d\theta \\ &= (6 - 2\sqrt{3})\pi - \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (2 + 2 \cos 2\theta) d\theta \\ &= (6 - 2\sqrt{3})\pi - [2\theta + \sin 2\theta]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \\ &= (6 - 2\sqrt{3})\pi - 2\pi \\ &= (4 - 2\sqrt{3})\pi. \end{aligned}$$