

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Find } I &= \int \frac{\cos^4 x}{\sin^3 x} dx \\
&= \int \frac{\cos^4 x}{\sin^4 x} \sin x dx \\
&= \int \frac{\cos^4 x}{(1 - \cos^2 x)^2} \sin x dx
\end{aligned}$$

Let $u = \cos x$, then $du = -\sin x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= - \int \frac{u^4}{(1 - u^2)^2} du \\
&= - \int \left(\frac{u^2}{1 - u^2} \right)^2 du \\
&= - \int \left[\frac{1 - (1 - u^2)}{1 - u^2} \right]^2 du \\
&= - \int \left(\frac{1}{1 - u^2} - 1 \right)^2 du \\
&= - \int \frac{1}{(1 - u^2)^2} - \frac{2}{1 - u^2} + 1 du \\
&= - \int \left[\frac{2 + u}{4(1 + u)^2} + \frac{2 - u}{4(1 - u)^2} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{1 + u} + \frac{1}{1 - u} \right] + 1 du \quad (\text{See note 1}) \\
&= - \int \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1 + (1 + u)}{(1 + u)^2} + \frac{1 + (1 - u)}{(1 - u)^2} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{1 + u} + \frac{1}{1 - u} \right] + 1 du \\
&= - \int \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{(1 + u)^2} + \frac{1}{1 + u} + \frac{1}{(1 - u)^2} + \frac{1}{1 - u} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{1 + u} + \frac{1}{1 - u} \right] + 1 du \\
&= - \int \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{(1 + u)^2} + \frac{1}{(1 - u)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{1 + u} + \frac{1}{1 - u} \right] - \left[\frac{1}{1 + u} + \frac{1}{1 - u} \right] + 1 du \\
&= - \int \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{(1 + u)^2} + \frac{1}{(1 - u)^2} \right] - \frac{3}{4} \left[\frac{1}{1 + u} + \frac{1}{1 - u} \right] + 1 du \\
&= \int -\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 + u)^2} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 - u)^2} + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + u} + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - u} - 1 du \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{-2}{1 + u} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{1 - u} + \frac{3}{4} \ln(1 + u) + \frac{-3}{4} \ln(1 - u) - u + C \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + u} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - u} + \frac{3}{4} \ln(1 + u) - \frac{3}{4} \ln(1 - u) - u + C \\
&= \frac{-2u}{2(1 - u^2)} + \frac{3}{4} \ln \left(\frac{1 + u}{1 - u} \right) - u + C \\
&= \frac{3}{4} \ln \left(\frac{1 + u}{1 - u} \right) - \frac{u}{(1 - u^2)} - u + C
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{3}{4} \ln \left(\frac{1 + \cos x}{1 - \cos x} \right) - \frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} - \cos x + C$$

Note 1: $\frac{1}{(1 - u^2)^2} = \frac{A + Bu}{(1 + u)^2} + \frac{C + Du}{(1 - u)^2} = \frac{(A + Bu)(1 - u)^2 + (C + Du)(1 + u)^2}{(1 + u)^2(1 - u)^2}$

i.e. $(B + D)u^3 + (A - 2B + C + 2D)u^2 + (-2A + B + 2C + D)u + (A + C) = 1$

$B + D = 0 \dots (1)$, $A - 2B + C + 2D = 0 \dots (2)$, $-2A + B + 2C + D = 0 \dots (3)$, $A + C = 1 \dots (4)$,

$(1) : B = -D$, $(4) : A = 1 - C \dots (5)$, $(2) : (1 - C) - 2(-D) + C + 2D = 0$,

$1 + 4D = 0$, $D = -\frac{1}{4}$, $B = -D = \frac{1}{4}$, $(3) : -2A - D + 2C + D = 0$, $A = C$,

$(5) : A = 1 - A$, $2A = 1$, $A = \frac{1}{2}$, $C = A = \frac{1}{2}$