

Math Diversion Problem 593

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I think that mathematics can benefit by acknowledging that the
creation of good models is just as important as
proving deep theorems.
— David Mumford

The YouTube video is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTGiyXfCu5Q>

Title: Can you solve this Integration Problem

Presenter: Ankit Physics Gurukul

1 The Problem

Integrate the following integral:

$$I = \int \frac{x}{3-2x} dx. \quad (1)$$

2 The Solution

The first step is to modify the numerator:

$$I = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{2x-3} dx \quad (2a)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\int \frac{2x-3}{2x-3} dx + \int \frac{3}{2x-3} dx \right] \quad (2b)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\int dx + \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{d(2x-3)}{2x-3} \right] \quad (2c)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[x + \frac{3}{2} \ln |2x-3| \right] + C. \quad (2d)$$