

# Math Diversion Problem 595

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Mathematics compares the most diverse phenomena and  
discovers the secret analogies that unite them.

— Joseph Fourier

The YouTube video is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqVACSGL1HQ>

Title: Australia Can you solve this partial fraction integral

Presenter: Ankit Physics Gurukul

## 1 The Problem

Integrate the following integral:

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

## 2 The Solution

The first step is to virtually emplace a '1' in the numerator:

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

$$= \int \frac{1+3x^2}{1+3x^2} dx - \int \frac{1}{1+3x^2} dx \quad (2b)$$

$$= \int dx - \int \frac{1}{1+(\sqrt{3}x)^2} dx \quad (2c)$$

$$= x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \int \frac{1}{1+(\sqrt{3}x)^2} d(\sqrt{3}x) \quad (2d)$$

$$= x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}x) + C. \quad (2e)$$