

Math Diversion Problem 609

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Dear Algebra, stop asking us to find your X,
she's not coming back.
— Woody Paige

The YouTube video is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyTPznZpLSg>
Title: Definite Integral $x(x^2 + 1)^3$ from 0 to 1
Presenter: Cole's World of Mathematics

1 The Problem

Integrate the following integral:

$$I = \int_0^1 x(x^2 + 1)^3 dx. \quad (1)$$

2 The Solution

$$I = \int_0^1 x(x^2 + 1)^3 dx \quad (2a)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (x^2 + 1)^3 d(x^2 + 1) \quad (2b)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} (x^2 + 1)^4 \Big|_0^1 \quad (2c)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [(1^2 + 1)^4 - (0^2 + 1)^4] \quad (2d)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [16 - 1] \quad (2e)$$

$$= \frac{15}{8}. \quad (2f)$$