

Bastard silly integral

Maple evaluates our definite integral to be $\frac{\pi\sqrt{6}}{6}$, and takes 6 seconds exactly doing this calculation.

```
> f:=1/(7-5*sin(x));
```

$$f := \frac{1}{7 - 5 \sin(x)}$$

```
> Int(f,x=0..2*Pi);
```

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{7 - 5 \sin(x)} dx$$

```
> int(f,x=0..2*Pi);
```

$$\frac{\pi \sqrt{6}}{6}$$

Mattywoo's Solution

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{7 - 5 \sin(x)} dx$$

Let $u = \sin x$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin x \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= \cos x \\ &= \sqrt{1 - u^2} \end{aligned}$$

Our indefinite integral becomes

$$\int \frac{1}{(7 - 5u)\sqrt{1 - u^2}} du$$

We can integrate this by splitting the expression into partial fractions, since the the integral of a sum is equivalent to the sum of each integrated term.

$$\frac{1}{(7 - 5u)\sqrt{1 - u^2}} = \frac{A}{(7 - 5u)} + \frac{Bu + C}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}}$$

$$1 = A\sqrt{1 - u^2} + (Bu + C)(7 - 5u)$$

Let $u = \frac{7}{5}$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= A\sqrt{1 - \frac{49}{25}} + \left(\frac{7}{5}B + C\right)(0) \\
&= A\sqrt{-1}\frac{\sqrt{24}}{\sqrt{25}} \\
&= \frac{2i\sqrt{6}}{5}A
\end{aligned}$$

$$A = \frac{5}{2i\sqrt{6}}$$

Rationalising the denominator yields

$$A = \frac{-5i\sqrt{6}}{12}$$

Let $u = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= A + 7C \\
7C &= 1 - A \\
C &= \frac{1}{7} + \frac{5i\sqrt{6}}{84} \\
C &= \frac{12 + 5i\sqrt{6}}{84}
\end{aligned}$$

Let $u = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= 2(B + C) \\
2B &= 1 - 2C \\
B &= \frac{1}{2} - C \\
B &= \frac{30 - 5i\sqrt{6}}{84}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting A , B and C back into our expression in partial fractions gives

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{(7 - 5u)\sqrt{1 - u^2}} &= \frac{\left(\frac{-5i\sqrt{6}}{12}\right)}{(7 - 5u)} + \frac{\left(\frac{30 - 5i\sqrt{6}}{84}\right)u + \left(\frac{12 + 5i\sqrt{6}}{84}\right)}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}} \\
&= \frac{-5i\sqrt{6}}{12(7 - 5u)} + \frac{(30 - 5i\sqrt{6})u + (12 + 5i\sqrt{6})}{84\sqrt{1 - u^2}} \\
&= \frac{-5i\sqrt{6}}{84 - 60u} + \frac{(30 - 5i\sqrt{6})u}{84\sqrt{1 - u^2}} + \frac{(12 + 5i\sqrt{6})}{84\sqrt{1 - u^2}}
\end{aligned}$$

So our integral now looks like

$$\int \frac{1}{(7-5u)\sqrt{1-u^2}} du = \left(\frac{i\sqrt{6}}{12}\right) \ln(84-60u) + \int \frac{(30-5i\sqrt{6})u}{84\sqrt{1-u^2}} du + \frac{12+5i\sqrt{6}}{84} \arcsin u + k$$

where k is an arbitrary constant.

Re-substitute $u = \sin x$ and $du = \cos x dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{7-5\sin(x)} dx &= \left(\frac{i\sqrt{6}}{12}\right) \ln(84-60\sin x) + \int \frac{(30-5i\sqrt{6})\sin x \cos x}{84\cos x} dx + \frac{12+5i\sqrt{6}}{84}x + k \\ &= \left(\frac{i\sqrt{6}}{12}\right) \ln(84-60\sin x) + \frac{(5i\sqrt{6}-30)\cos x}{84} + \frac{12+5i\sqrt{6}}{84}x + \gamma \end{aligned}$$

where γ is an arbitrary constant including k .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{7-5\sin(x)} dx &= \left[\left(\frac{i\sqrt{6}}{12}\right) \ln 84 + \frac{(5i\sqrt{6}-30)}{84} + \frac{12+5i\sqrt{6}}{84}2\pi + \gamma \right] \\ &\quad - \left[\left(\frac{i\sqrt{6}}{12}\right) \ln 84 + \frac{(5i\sqrt{6}-30)}{84} + \gamma \right] \\ \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{7-5\sin(x)} dx &= \frac{12+5i\sqrt{6}}{42}\pi \end{aligned}$$

So the magnitude of the definite integral is the required solution

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{12+5i\sqrt{6}}{42}\pi \right| &= \frac{\sqrt{144+25 \times 6} \pi}{42} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{294} \pi}{42} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{49}\sqrt{6} \pi}{7 \times 6} \\ &= \frac{\pi\sqrt{6}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

```
> plot(f, x=0..2*Pi, 0..0.55);
```

