

$$\frac{1}{x(x^2 + 4)^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 4} + \frac{Dx + E}{(x^2 + 4)^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$1 = A(x^2 + 4)^2 + (Bx + C)x(x^2 + 4) + (Dx + E)x.$$

Setting  $x = 0$  gives  $1 = 16A$ , so  $A = \frac{1}{16}$ . Now compare coefficients.

$$1 = \frac{1}{16}(x^4 + 8x^2 + 16) + (Bx^2 + Cx)(x^2 + 4) + Dx^2 + Ex$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{16}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 1 + Bx^4 + Cx^3 + 4Bx^2 + 4Cx + Dx^2 + Ex$$

$$1 = \left(\frac{1}{16} + B\right)x^4 + Cx^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + 4B + D\right)x^2 + (4C + E)x + 1$$

So  $B + \frac{1}{16} = 0 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{16}$ ,  $C = 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + 4B + D = 0 \Rightarrow D = -\frac{1}{4}$ , and  $4C + E = 0 \Rightarrow E = 0$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{21 dx}{x(x^2 + 4)^2} &= 21 \int \left( \frac{1}{16} + \frac{-\frac{1}{16}x}{x^2 + 4} + \frac{-\frac{1}{4}x}{(x^2 + 4)^2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{21}{16} \ln|x| - \frac{21}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \ln|x^2 + 4| - \frac{21}{4} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} + C \\ &= \frac{21}{16} \ln|x| - \frac{21}{32} \ln(x^2 + 4) + \frac{21}{8} \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} + C \end{aligned}$$