

$\frac{17}{(x-1)(x^2+16)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+16}$ . Multiply both sides by  $(x-1)(x^2+16)$  to get

$17 = A(x^2+16) + (Bx+C)(x-1)$  (\*). Substituting 1 for  $x$  gives  $17 = 17A \Leftrightarrow A = 1$ . Substituting 0 for  $x$  gives  $17 = 16A - C \Rightarrow C = -1$ . The coefficients of the  $x^2$ -terms in (\*) must be equal, so  $0 = A+B \Rightarrow B = -1$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{17}{(x-1)(x^2+16)} dx &= \int \left( \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{-x-1}{x^2+16} \right) dx \\ &= \int \left( \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{x}{x^2+16} - \frac{1}{x^2+16} \right) dx \\ &= \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+16) - \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + C \end{aligned}$$

In the second term we used the substitution  $u = x^2 + 16$  and in the last term we used the formula  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2+a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$ .