

The problem:

$$\mathcal{P} = \int \frac{-2x^2 + 6x + 12}{(x^2 + 4)(x^2 + 4x + 6)} dx$$

We need the partial fraction expansion of the integrand. First, note that

$$x^2 + 4x + 6 = (x^2 + 4x + 4) + 6 - 4 = (x + 2)^2 + 2 ,$$

so we will want the numerator over  $x^2 + 4x + 6$  to be expressed in terms of  $x + 2$  rather than  $x$ . So we write:

$$\frac{-2x^2 + 6x + 12}{(x^2 + 4)(x^2 + 4x + 6)} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 4} + \frac{C(x + 2) + D}{x^2 + 4x + 6}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} -2x^2 + 6x + 12 &= (Ax + B)(x^2 + 4x + 6) + (C(x + 2) + D)(x^2 + 4) \\ &= (A + C)x^3 + (4A + B + 2C + D)x^2 \\ &\quad + (6A + 4B + 4C)x + (6B + 8C + 4D) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, setting the coefficients of each power of  $x$  on both sides of the equal sign equal to each other, we get:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A + C = 0 \\ 4A + B + 2C + D = -2 \\ 6A + 4B + 4C = 6 \\ 6B + 8C + 4D = 12 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \\ \boxed{2} - 4 \cdot \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{3} - 6 \cdot \boxed{1} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A + C = 0 \\ B - 2C + D = -2 \\ 4B - 2C = 6 \\ 6B + 8C + 4D = 12 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \\ \boxed{3} - 4 \cdot \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{4} - 6 \cdot \boxed{2} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A + C = 0 \\ B - 2C + D = -2 \\ 6C - 4D = 14 \\ 20C - 2D = 24 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \\ \boxed{3}/6 \\ \boxed{4} - 20 \cdot \boxed{3} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A + C = 0 \\ B - 2C + D = -2 \\ C - (2/3)D = 7/3 \\ (34/3)D = -68/3 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D = \frac{-68/3}{34/3} = -2 \\ C = \frac{7}{3} + \frac{2}{3}(-2) = 1 \\ B = -2 + 2(1) - (-2) = 2 \\ A = -(1) = -1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &= \int \left( -\frac{x}{x^2+4} + 2\frac{1}{x^2+4} + \frac{x+2}{(x+2)^2+2} - 2\frac{1}{(x+2)^2+2} \right) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+4) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln((x+2)^2+2) - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{2}} + C \\ &= \ln \sqrt{\frac{x^2+4x+6}{x^2+4}} + \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{2} - \sqrt{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{2}} + C \end{aligned}$$