

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.226.1

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^n dx}{\sqrt{1-x}} = \frac{2(2n)!!}{(2n+1)!!}$$

The integral representation

$$B(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx$$

gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{x^n dx}{\sqrt{1-x}} &= B(n+1, \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(1/2)}{\Gamma(n+\frac{3}{2})}. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows from

$$\Gamma(m + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{m-1}} (2m-1)!!$$