

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.226.2

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

The integral representation

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

gives

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

The result follows from

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