

PROOF OF FORMULA 3.272.2

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1} + x^{n-2/3} + x^{n-1/3} - 3x^{3n-1}}{1-x} dx = 3 \ln 3$$

Write the integral as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1} + x^{n-2/3} + x^{n-1/3} - 3x^{3n-1}}{1-x} dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1} - x^{3n-1}}{1-x} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-2/3} - x^{3n-1}}{1-x} dx + \\ &\quad \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1/3} - x^{3n-1}}{1-x} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using entry 3.231.5

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{\mu-1} - x^{\nu-1}}{1-x} dx = \psi(\nu) - \psi(\mu)$$

it follows that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1} + x^{n-2/3} + x^{n-1/3} - 3x^{3n-1}}{1-x} dx = 3\psi(3n) - (\psi(n) + \psi(n-1/3) + \psi(n-2/3)).$$

The identity

$$\psi(Nt) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \psi(t + k/N) + \ln N$$

gives the result.